

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT MIAMI, FLORIDA	DATE WHEN MADE 3-13-47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-10-47	REPORT MADE BY JOHN A. HANLEY
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH P. KAMP; W. BYRON SWARTZ; DR. H. W. BENJAMINE; CHESTER A. HANSON; MADELYN CARMON			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G REGISTRATION ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: RALPH G. BLODGETT, advised that several days prior to issuance of check in question he was approached by FRANK MURPHY, who represented self as connected with Constitutional Educational League, which organization allegedly was engaged in combating infiltration of Communism into governmental offices, and bringing to public light the activities of Communists through submission of information to Representative HOFFMAN of Michigan and through his influence in Congressional Committees. MURPHY indicated KAMP was director of League, and did not indicate the League had any political purposes. BLODGETT stated he recommended that GIBBS issue instant check as result of this representations; that she had no contact with MURPHY, and no information as to purposes for which check given.</p> <div style="position: absolute; left: 150px; top: 380px; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> NO MAY 1947 71 STATIS </div> <p style="text-align: center;">- R. U. C. -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau file No. 61-10355. Buffalo teletype dated 2-20-47 to Miami.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA:</u></p> <p>Mr. RALPH BLODGETT, 375 Seventeenth Avenue, North East, who has offices at 204 Crosby Building, Franklin and Mohawk Streets, Buffalo, New York, stated that he was a cousin of Mrs. KATHRYN GIBBS; that he was financial manager of her estate and properties and that while acting in this capacity he met all persons who sought financial contributions from Mrs. GIBBS and made recommendations to her as to their worth. He indicated that in connection with the check given by Mrs. GIBBS to the Educational League in 1944, this procedure had been used.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. E. Thornton</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">61-10355-501</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">F B I</div> <div style="text-align: center;">34 MAR 18 1947</div>	
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Mr. BLODGETT stated that several days before the issuance of the check in question, he was approached by FRANK MURPHY who stated that he was the traveling representative of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., the headquarters of which organization were in New York City. MURPHY stated that he had received BLODGETT's name from a Mr. HENRY CROSBY of Buffalo, New York, who is engaged in manufacture of metal stamps, among other things; that CROSBY had suggested him as being a possible donor to the causes allegedly espoused by the League. He stated that CROSBY was approached on the premises that the Communists were infiltrating the school systems and that the league was active in publicizing these activities. It was indicated also that CROSBY was interested in the League because MURPHY had told him the donations made to the League were deductible from his income tax due to the purposes of the League. CROSBY stated that this was not true as the income tax people had refused this deduction. CROSBY did not make any further contributions upon being so advised.

BLODGETT, continuing, stated that MURPHY had told him that the League was engaged in attempting to bring the activities of the Communists to the attention of the American people; that this group was actively infiltrating into official positions in the United States Government Service, and some active steps had to be taken to prevent their successful efforts in this regard. He indicated to BLODGETT that the League was acting through Representative HOFFMAN of Michigan, and that they were sending all of their information to him so that he could exert influence on the other members of Congress in Committee meetings and on the floor of the House.

MURPHY is alleged to have stated that the Communists were attempting to gain official positions in the Government so that they could overthrow the Democratic form of Government, and that funds were needed from loyal Americans to combat their advances in this direction. He indicated that the league was investigating persons who were connected with the Communist Party who were trying to get into the Government's service, and in collaboration with the FBI were getting this information to the interested and responsible officials. He is also alleged to have told BLODGETT that the League was working with the FBI, that the league's books and files were open to the Bureau and that they were assisting the FBI in Washington.

He stated that the league was also actively working with the Catholic Church, and displayed several letters of introduction and recommendation from some Catholic Priests to substantiate his story. He also stated that the program was also being assisted by other Christian churches, which were also interested in combating atheist Communism. He also produced documentary evidence to support this allegation.

MURPHY stated that he was personally motivated in this campaign by his excessive fear of the Communists; that prior to joining the League as a paid representative he told his wife, whom he claimed was a resident of Texas, that he feared the success of the Communists and felt he should do something about it, to which she is alleged to have urged "Well, why don't you?". He indicated to BLODGETT that he was paid a subsistence salary by the League, and was in fact doing this work as great personal sacrifice from a financial point of view, inasmuch as he claimed to be well educated and connected. MURPHY also stated that he was a cousin of Cardinal SPELLMAN, and was allegedly being urged by that man to continue his activities. BLODGETT doubted that statement.

BLODGETT stated that MURPHY told him that the organization had headquarters in New York City and that JOSEPH KAMP was the head of the movement. He stated that he was not given to understand that and the organization was political, but to the contrary was told that it was non-political in purpose.

Accordingly, Mr. BLODGETT stated that upon these representations and the excellent salesmanship of MURPHY, he recommended to Mrs. GIBBS that she make a donation to the League, which was done. He stated that he was very much surprised as to the final outcome of the League and that he was completely fooled by the representations of MURPHY. He stated this is so because during the time of interview and on several other occasions when MURPHY would drop into his offices, no mention was made of the war with Germany, and there was no criticism of or praising of the German war efforts or any of the so-called American Organizations which had been sympathetic with Germany prior to the War. There was no mention of the American First Committee, the Bund or any other organization.

Mr. BLODGETT was entirely cooperative during the entire interview, but appeared hesitant about testifying in this matter, in the event he is subpoenaed. He indicated Mrs. GIBBS had no knowledge of the donation or any of the alleged purposes of the League.

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*** LINDBLOM TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
6130 SOUTH WOLCOTT AVENUE
CHICAGO 36, ILLINOIS

HARRY F. YATES
PRINCIPAL

EDGAR H. PALM
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

March 17, 1947.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading ***"Strikes" which is published by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. As a public high school principal and a person interested in the proper guidance of the thoughts of our American adolescents, I am asking your office for information relative to the integrity of the above mentioned organization and to the validity of the information which they publish in their various booklets.

If America is to preserve its capitalistic system and develop proper thinking on the part of its citizens, it seems to me that information published by this Patriotic Action Committee should be disseminated throughout the entire country and booklets should be made cheaper so that every one can know the truth.

I shall appreciate any information you may offer on my above questions.

Very truly yours,

Harry F. Yates
PRINCIPAL.
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March 22, 1947

Mr. Harry F. Yates
Principal
Lindblom Technical High School
6130 South Wolcott Avenue
Chicago 36, Illinois

Dear Mr. Yates: 61-10355-502

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Your letter dated March 17, 1947, has been received and although I would like to be of assistance, it has long been a policy of this Bureau to hold its files confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will recognize the reasons for this rule and will draw no inference from my inability to comply with your request.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/25/47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/24/47	REPORT MADE BY JOHN C. MANNING
TITLE ① CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.; JOSEPH PETER KAMP, Etal			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (G) REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HARRY R. MINER of Westerly, R. I. advised contribution of \$100 made for educational purposes. RALPH G. BLODGETT states that contribution of Mrs. KATHERYN LEE GIBBS of Buffalo made in order to fight Communism in the U. S. Case against subject organization continued by order of Court issued in U. S. District Court in District of Columbia March 7, 1947. Re-trial of case pending determination of an appeal taken by BENJAMIN F. FIELDS to the U. S. Court of Appeals in a case involving same question of law raised in trial of subject organization.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 61-10355
Report of SA Dale R. Mewhorter dated at Charlotte 3/13/47
Report of SA John A. Hanley dated at Miami 3/13/47
Letter from Washington Field to Bureau dated 3/15/47

DETAILS:

A review of the files in this office reflects the following information concerning additional contributions of one hundred dollars or more made to the subject organization. It should be noted that these contributions were made between January first, 1944 and November fifth, 1944. A brief statement concerning the purpose of the contribution is also set out.

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J. B. [Signature]

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It should be noted further that the referenced letter reflects that if the conviction of FIELDS is upheld on the basis of a ruling beneficial to the Government in connection with the interpretation of the word "willfully" the Government will proceed to a re-trial of the instant case, but if the ruling of the Court of Appeals is adverse in the FIELDS case, then in all probability, the instant case will be nol-prossed by the United States Attorney.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will advise the New Haven office of the decision of the U. S. Attorney to try instant case and will report prosecutive action.

THE NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Will maintain instant case in a Pending Inactive status until receipt of advice from Washington Field as to the decision of the U. S. Attorney.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 14, 1947

FROM : Guy Hottel, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH PETER KAMP, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
REGISTRATION ACT

Enclosed herewith for the retention of the Bureau and for the New Haven Office is one copy of the new indictment returned on KAMP by the October 1946 term of the Grand Jury at Washington, D. C. Particular attention is directed to the last paragraph of the indictment in which it is stated that "It is not charged that in making this refusal he acted in bad faith or with a bad or evil purpose. It is charged that he acted intentionally and deliberately. He therefore willfully made default."

To date, there has been no decision by the U. S. Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia in the case of BENJAMIN F. FIELDS to interpret the word "willfully" in the statute. There is no change in the decision of the Assistant United States Attorney to await the decision in the FIELDS case before determining whether to proceed in a new trial of KAMP either under the old or the new indictment, or to nolle prosequere the case.

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cc - New Haven (Encl.)

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DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Holding a Criminal Term
October Term, 1946

UNITED STATES

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Criminal No.
Grand Jury No.
Violation 2 U.S.C. 192

:

v.

JOSEPH P. KAMP

:

The Grand Jury charges:

The House of Representatives of the United States for the .
78th Congress on June 21, 1944, adopted its resolution H. Res. 551:

"In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

"June 21, 1944.

"Resolved, That a special committee of seven members be
appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to
investigate and report to the House not later than January
3, 1945, with respect to the following matters:

"1. The extent and nature of expenditures made by all
candidates for the House of Representatives in connection
with their campaign for nomination and election to such
office.

"2. The amounts subscribed and contributed, and the
value of services rendered, and facilities made available
(including personal services, use of advertising space,
radio time, office space, moving-picture films, and automobile
and other transportation facilities) by any individual,
individuals, or group of individuals, committee, partnership,
corporation, or labor union, to or on behalf of each such
candidate in connection with any such campaign or for the
purpose of influencing the votes cast or to be cast at any

convention or election held in 1944 to which a candidate for the House of Representatives is to be nominated or elected.

"3. The use of any other means or influence (including the promise or use of patronage) for the purpose of aiding or influencing the nomination or election of any such candidates.

"4. The amounts, if any, raised, contributed, and expended by any corporation, labor organization, trade or business association, and any other organization, including any political committee thereof, in connection with any such election, and the amounts received by any political committee from any corporation, labor union, trade or business association, and any other organization.

"5. The violations, if any, of the following statutes of the United States:

"(a) The Federal Corrupt Practices Act.

"(b) Title 18, sections 61 to 61t, inclusive, United States Code, 1940 edition, relating to pernicious political activities, commonly referred to as the Hatch Act.

"(c) The provisions of section 9, Public Law 89, Seventy-Eighth Congress, chapter 144, first session, referred to as the 'War Labor Disputes Act'.

"(d) Any statute or legislative Act of the United States, or of the State within which a candidate is seeking nomination or reelection to the House of Representatives, the violation of which Federal or State statute, or statutes, would affect the qualification of a Member of the House of Representatives within the meaning of article I, section 5, of the Constitution of the United States.

"6. Such other matters relating to the election of President, Vice President, and Members of the House of Representatives in 1944, and the campaigns of candidates in connection therewith, as the committee deems to be of public interest, and which in its opinion will aid the House of Representatives in enacting remedial legislation, or in deciding any contest that may be instituted involving the right to a seat in the House of Representatives.

"7. The committee is authorized to act upon its own motion and upon such information as in its judgment may be reasonable or reliable. Upon complaint being made to the committee under oath, by any person, candidate, or political committee, setting forth allegations as to facts which, under this resolution, it would be the duty of said committee to investigate, the committee shall investigate such charges as fully as though it were acting upon its own motion, unless, after a hearing upon such complaint, the committee shall find that the allegations in such complaint are immaterial or untrue. All hearings before the committee, and before any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, shall be public, and all orders and decisions of the committee, and of any such subcommittee, shall be public.

"For the purpose of this resolution, the committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is authorized to hold such public hearings, to sit and act at such times and places during the sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods of the Seventy-eighth Congress, to employ such attorneys, experts, clerical, and other assistants, to require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of

such witnesses and the production of such correspondence, books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths, and to take such testimony as it deems advisable.

"8. The committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, may authorize any one or more persons to conduct on behalf of the committee any part of the investigation herein provided for, and for such purpose any person so authorized may hold such public hearings, issue such subpoenas, and provide for the service thereof, require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents, administer such oaths, and take such testimony, as the committee or any such duly authorized subcommittee, may from time to time authorize. Every person, who having been summoned as a witness by authority of said committee or any subcommittee thereof, willfully makes default, or who having appeared, refuses to answer any question pertinent to the investigation heretofore authorized, shall be held to the penalties prescribed by law.

"That said committee is authorized and directed to file interim reports whenever in the judgment of the majority of the committee, or of a subcommittee conducting portions of said investigation, the public interest will be best served by the filing of said interim reports, and in no event shall the final report of said committee be filed later than January 3, 1945, as hereinabove provided."

A few days thereafter the committee, authorized by H. Res. 551, was appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and began to function. It became known as "The Committee to Investigate

Campaign Expenditures" and will be referred to hereafter in this indictment simply as the Committee.

On or about October 2, 1946, while the Committee was functioning pursuant to H. Res. 551, Joseph P. Kamp was summoned as a witness by authority of the House of Representatives to produce papers upon the matter under inquiry by the Committee. More particularly, he was summoned to produce before the Committee in its chamber in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, on October 4, 1944, papers, books, records, and documents of an organization known as "Constitutional Educational League, Inc.", showing the name and address of each person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, and any other organization or group of persons who had made a contribution to or for the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., in one or more items of the aggregate amount or value within the calendar year 1944 of one hundred dollars or more, together with the amount and date of such contribution. The records thus called for were pertinent to, touched upon, and related to the inquiry then being conducted by the Committee pursuant to H. Res. 551.

On October 4, 1944, Joseph P. Kamp appeared before the Committee at its session in the District of Columbia and refused to produce the records called for by the Committee. It is not charged that in making this refusal he acted in bad faith or with a bad or evil purpose. It is charged that he acted intentionally and deliberately. He therefore willfully made default.

Attorney of the United States in and
for the District of Columbia.

A TRUE BILL:

Foreman

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The Charlotte Field Division

Name of Contributor: HARRY R. MILNER, Westerly, Rhode Island. (MILNER is vacationing at Pinehurst, North Carolina).

Contribution: MILNER advised that his contribution of \$100 was made to the Constitutional Educational League with the understanding that these funds were to be used for educational purposes only. He further advised that he had no knowledge of political activities of the C.E.L. and had no acquaintance with JOSEPH PETER KAMP.

The Miami Field Division

Name of Contributor: RALPH G. BLODGETT, 204 Crosby Building, Franklin and Mohawk Streets, Buffalo, New York with winter residence at 375-17th Avenue, N.E., St. Petersburg, Fla. advised that the contributions of Mrs. KATHERYN LEE GIBBS of Buffalo were made upon his recommendation and he stated that he had made this recommendation because he was convinced by a Mr. FRANK MURPHY, representative of the Constitutional Educational League that the latter organization was dedicated to fighting Communism in the United States, particularly in attempting to combat the advance of Communism in gaining official positions in the U. S. Government.

By letter to the Bureau dated March 15, 1947, copy of which was directed to the New Haven Field Division, The Washington Field Division advised that on March 7, 1947 Chief Justice BOLITHA J. LAWS of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia issued an order for the continuance of the trial of the instant matter. This order reflected that the case would be placed on the reserved calendar for disposition after the final determination of the appeal in the case of the United States against BENJAMIN F. FIELDS. The order advised that the Fields case involves the same status as does the KAMP case and a ruling is expected from Appellate Court which will define the word "Wilfully" thereby settling a conflict of decisions in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. This letter reflected that FIELDS was convicted by a jury for contempt for his refusal to provide the names of contributors and that the identical question of law arose in the FIELDS case as is involved in the KAMP case. It was noted that although an appeal was taken by FIELDS from this conviction, the case had not yet come before the U. S. Court of Appeals.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 6, 1947.

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JOSEPH PETER KAMP, ETAL;
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
(Bureau File No. 61-10355)

Re report of SA L. Morris Best, NYC, March 8, 1947, which sets forth a lead for this Office to advise the Bureau when the HALL-MARK PUBLISHING COMPANY actually releases the new book of subject entitled, "Un-American Gestapo".

RE Washington Field letter to Director, dated March 15, 1947, advising that further prosecutive action against subject will be held in abeyance pending court determination of similar cases.

In view of the strong possibility that there will be no future prosecutive action in this case, at least in the near future, the lead set forth in reference report will not be covered and this case is accordingly being considered as RUC'd unless the Bureau advises to the contrary.

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cc: New Haven

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May 3, 1947

Mr. Charles J. Connolly
1125 Windsor Avenue
Philadelphia 41, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Connolly:

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Your letter of April 28, 1947, has been received. Please be advised that I did not prepare an article for the pamphlet published by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., of New York. It is believed that the item you mentioned contains remarks taken from some of the public addresses I have made.

I am enclosing the full text of my statement before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 26, 1947, from which you may feel free to quote.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

CC: Philadelphia

NOTE: Files were checked against the name of Charles J. Connolly and no identifiable record could be found concerning him.

The Constitutional Educational League, Inc., 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, has a publication sponsored by Joseph P. Kamp. 61-10555-477 contains a memorandum dated January 2, 1947, reflecting that on the back cover of a pamphlet there appears an item entitled "Communism Is A Menace" by John Edgar Hoover. The article attributed to the Director begins on page 13 and continues through page 18. The forward indicates that this article comprises a collection of expressions made in the series of addresses by the Director before such organizations as The American Legion, The International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Holy Cross College. In view of the fact that the Director's speeches are public and are not copyrighted there appeared to be no way to restrict the distribution of the pamphlet even though it was published by Kamp without the Director's approval.

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1125 Winifred Avenue.
Philadelphia 41, Pa.
April 28th., 1947.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

The writer is about to publish a series of labor-management posters in conjunction with an organized suggestion system which requests suggestions from workers, and invites correspondence on matters relating to Americanization, and in this connection, I wish to use some paragraphs from your article "Communism is a menace." which appeared in the pamphlet published by the Constitutional Educational League of New York. N.Y.

Inc.
These posters would be sold to industry with a metal frame and other printed forms and I would appreciate knowing if I have your permission to use some of this material. No more than fifty words appear on the posters and therefore I would abstract paragraphs and of course, print your name underneath for full credit.

Will you kindly advise me if I may have your permission to use the material.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I am Sir,

Very truly yours

Charles J. Connelly
Charles J. Connelly

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To:

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Chief.
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Washington, D.C.

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Mr. T. L. Caudle, Assistant Attorney General

May 6, 1947

Director, FBI

CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH ESTER KAMP, ET AL
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
REGISTRATION ACT

For your information, there are attached hereto copies of the following reports in the above-entitled case:

Report of Special Agent Dale R. Newnorter, dated March 13, 1947, at Charlotte, North Carolina.

Report of Special Agent John A. Hanley, dated March 13, 1947, at Miami, Florida.

Report of Special Agent John C. Manning dated March 25, 1947, at New Haven, Connecticut.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 8, 1947

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: ① CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH PETER KAMP, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to my letter of April 14, 1947, wherein it was stated that to date there has been no decision by the United States Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia in the case of BENJAMIN F. FIELDS regarding the interpretation of the word "willfully."

Please be advised that Assistant United States Attorney HITZ has informed that he is still awaiting the decision in the FIELDS case before determining whether or not to proceed in a trial of KAMP.

cc-New Haven

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COMMUNISM
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by
FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN

In this, his first article since becoming a Cardinal, the nation's foremost Catholic churchman warns against a menace to democracy which he sees spreading like a plague over the face of free America. It threatens the liberty we fought for, he says, because . . .

COMMUNISM is un-American

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Midwest Headquarters: Pioneer Building, Madison, Wisconsin
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COMMUNISM is UN-AMERICAN

By Francis Cardinal Spellman

I BELIEVE in America, her freedoms, her ideals, her traditions. My full trust, love, and loyalty are hers. I believe that Communism violates these freedoms, is opposed to these ideals, transgresses these traditions, and is weakening our nation's unity and wrecking our American way of life. If Communism triumphs, Americanism will die.

My sole objective in writing this article is to help save America from the godless governings of totalitarianism, for I believe that every "ism" based on bloodshed, barbarism, suppression, and slavery is un-American. I believe that every real American, if he but knew the truth, would strive to defend this nation from Communists who, wielding their weapons of intrigue and infamy, are imposing on our country their profane pattern of serfdom.

It is my firm faith that the first step in defense of American safety and unity is to break the conspiracy of silence enveloping and endangering her. What I state here about Communism is known not to me alone, nor is it news to many in high places and in low, but most of those who know the facts speak in fearful whispers or in private round-table talks. This method will not cure the creeping paralysis of inertia attacking America nor rouse Americans to the actual menace of Communism.

Too many Americans consider Communism only a nuisance, and in their blindness become like moles that cannot see or ostriches that will not see, while others, in apathetic ignorance, consider it merely a philanthropic movement to improve the condition of the poor and underprivileged. If this were true, Communism would be a pattern for perfect and peaceful living! But I have seen the tragedy of the unfulfillment of glowing Communist promises. I have seen cringing farming people who have been deported from their country, and on their faces were etched, not the happy imprints of the Four Freedoms, but the horrible hoof-prints of the Four Horsemen. I met them in Iran, in Palestine, in Kenya, in South Africa, and in Europe. Most of them were suffering from disease; all of them were suffering from starvation.

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Over mountains and through valleys I watched streaming, staggering lines of starving aged men, agonizing women, frightened children, tiny, shrunken babies, the spawn and the spoils of Nazi-Fascist-Communitic totalitarianism. I saw them in the refugee camps and in the roadside gutters of this war-ruined world, and from their livid lips I learned terrible testimony to the mockery of the totalitarianism "paradise" from which they had been liberated! They told no tales of Communism plenty, equality, and justice. Theirs were stories of hunger, oppression, and death. Deprived of all but life itself, deluded and debased, they had been driven from their plagued and plundered homeland.

I have also seen the terror mirrored in the tear-emptied eyes of men, women, and children who, when told they were going to be repatriated, preferred suicide in exile to enslavement, cruelty, and death at home!

If these memories were yours, as they are mine, if you believe with me that freedom is the birthright of the great and the small, the strong and the weak, the poor and the afflicted, then you would be convinced as I that Communism is the antithesis of American Democracy.

"But that was far across the seas, in foreign lands," you say. "It cannot happen here." It *can* happen here, and anywhere and everywhere that Communism, with its riot of rash promises, takes root. In America the seeds of confusion and disunion are spawning and spreading, and Communism is growing. In their efforts to wean Americans from Americanism, Communists unanimously revile and defile everyone whose opinions and convictions differ politically, socially, or morally from their own. Their subtle, sinister schemings sway and mislead Americans who, in ignorance or weakness, yield to Communism their loyalty to God, to country, and to their fellow man.

 FTEN we fail to put upon the precious things of life their proper price. Freedom is one of these. But freedom is not a treasure which, once possessed, cannot be lost; and it will be lost for us and for our children unless it is cherished, defended, and preserved as it was fought for and won. The history of our United States is the story of the ceaseless struggle to keep alive this freedom and our ideas and ideals of liberty and democracy, and to defend them from enemies within and without her borders.

I, myself, saw the costly writing of this story during 140,000 miles of war-years' travel over the land, on the seas, and in the skies, living, talking, praying with thousands of our men of the armed forces. On nearly every foreign field of battle our men fought, suffered, and died to save America from foes outside her frontiers, and we, who through our soldiers' sacrifices were spared from the enslavement of totalitarianism, must now defend her from this same peril threatening us from within our boundaries. Our martyrs, living and

dead, fought each day's fight, feeding their bodies, hearts, and minds with one thought: to go home to America because it *was* America. Through the flow of wartime, when each hard day was like another, that was the common bond uniting our boys each to all and all to America.

Why? Because to each, America meant the freedom to live, to love, to learn, to play, to work, and to worship the way his conscience taught. His was the choice. That was the American way for which he made his daily sacrifice of pain, loneliness, and loss. He did not like the mud, the sand, the sleet, the sweat, the suffering, blood, and death! Because he was afraid, he was courageous. And he prayed. I know, for I knew thousands and thousands of our boys, and when they prayed they gave not merely lip service to God. They begged His strength in their weakness, His help in their fear, His mercy in their suffering.

Do you think our boys acted like pagans, atheists, or men disdainful of religion? I have seen men who, after black nights of bombings or battle, walked miles upon miles in the blistering sun of the desert or slogged through the sticking mud of battlefields to pay their homage to their God. These boys were not of my faith alone, but of every religious faith, and today they want, and they deserve, the right to worship as they wish, the right to rear their children in their own faith and not have imposed on them the materialism and atheism of Communism. They have the right to know they have not spilled their common blood in fruitless waste!

When our soldiers talked to me of love of home, mother, family, and America, their hopes, plans, and promises were not mere mouthings, but the sincere, solemn pledges of men determined to keep faith with their country. In every corner of the fighting world boys gave me letters to take home. One I remember well, for, as the boy read it to me, I felt it should be addressed, not to his mother alone, but to every American. It read:

"Today we are faced with the greatest organized challenge to civilization that the world has ever known, and I count myself honored to have the right and the opportunity to fight against it. There will be much work, too, for you, for the homefront must stand forever united after the war is won, or the tyranny of totalitarianism will rend apart the world we fought and died to save."

This warning to us was his last testament! He, like millions of our boys, fulfilled his pledge. They asked not to have back the lives they gave. They asked only that we who follow after may profit by the anguish they have borne. But we—have we not too soon forgotten our promises and prayers: if Danny comes home alive; if Sam's eyes see again; if Jim walks again? Then,

in God's name and theirs, we promised to protect America as they protected her—against anyone and everything that would hurt or deprive her of her rights and freedoms—against any enemy who again would make our sons victims of war.

IT MATTERS little whether a land is overrun by alien armies and conquered by force, or whether it is devitalized by alien organizations, propaganda, and revolution inspired from within. Today those very evils our boys fought against have been planted in the vitals of America by Communists, as they abuse their freedom to deprive us of our freedoms. And many Americans, as truant children listening to the lure of gypsies, are fascinated and fooled as they follow the mysticism of Communism.

Would you, whose son now lies in the hidden depths of the sea, dare to answer his whispered words: "Mother, is the America for which the floods of our blood mingled with the waves of the sea, safe for *my* son—the son I never saw?"

Could you, whose husband's broken body lies buried amidst the ruins in another nation's soil, look into the image of his sad eyes and honestly answer the question mirrored there: "Yes, Tom, America is freed forever from the bondage of the totalitarian tyranny you died to destroy?"

Could you look into the laughing blue eyes of your young son and truthfully say: "Jackie, the Four Freedoms your dad died to defend are safe for you and for all children?"

Could you watch your daughter with a new life beneath her heart and say: "Be strong! Your Joe died—not alone the pilot of his burning ship, but also a flaming light to the world of democracy and peace—and now *his* Joe will never need to sacrifice to war his dreams, his hopes, his life?"

Can you longingly look into a boy's sightless eyes, or wistfully watch a boy awkwardly work his wooden leg; can you see the restless, helpless bodies of the physically and spiritually sick, and say to them: "The peace is won. America is safe. Your job is done?"

No, you cannot, because America is infected with the germs of Communism which, spreading its poisonous propaganda and false philosophies, is twisting and tempting the minds of good men until they, too, become serfs to the perjuring, pandering spirit of confusion and chaos.

Today, Communists, suppressing and distorting truth, are intimidating men and inflicting despotism on America, trying to convert Americans to Communism. In government, in industry, in labor unions, in our political and educational systems, even in the armed services of our country, Communists and Communist sympathizers hold responsible positions, while members of their

party use the press, the radio, and the films to influence and divide us against ourselves.

They live under the American flag, enjoy the priceless privilege of being citizens of our republic, while their own allegiance is pledged to an emblem representing a theory of government opposed to everything for which Old Glory stands.

They try to seduce us into believing that Americans can be Communists, but a true American can be neither a Communist nor a Communist condoner, and we must realize that the first loyalty of every American is vigilantly to weed out and counteract Communism and convert American Communists to Americanism.

When some Americans parrot the Communist press and speak of Soviet democracy as a different type from ours, when they assert that we have no right to "impose" our brand of democracy upon others, one questions either their sincerity or their sense. Democracy is not "imposed." It flows from and survives only in freedom, which is the one element completely lacking in "democracies" under the iron rod and behind the iron curtain. Communists have inflicted their sinister influences and domination on every small, helpless nation which they "liberated" or conquered, and unless we awaken and unite our common interests and common efforts to save our common country, we too shall be conquered.

The first right of man is his right to life, and it is to the glory of American history that his also are the rights to religious, political, and educational freedoms. It is to the shame of Communist history that it violates these rights with fanatical fury. A man may have a natural dislike for the symbolism of the Cross or the significance of the Star of David. He may be opposed to certain political beliefs, or he may prefer one educational system to another. But must he, as Communists do, spurn the sacred, revile and befoul those who differ from him, and through persecution and blood-baths, deprive them of their liberties and life?

We are the beneficiaries of the sacrifices of American soldiers who, throughout our life as a nation, have fought for our God-given rights, our religious, industrial, educational, and social freedoms, freedom of speech and of the press, and we, their heirs, must never surrender them. My daily prayer, my constant hope, and my lifelong work is toward the goal that all men everywhere may be free. Hatred has no place in my heart, but love of my country is in my heart and inspires me to defend America against any system of government that would wrench our rights from us and destroy our democracy.

America is not immortal. I have traveled from earth's end to end and I have seen the ruins of great cities and countries, civilizations that were seem-

ingly indestructible, yet ruined through internal decay, and we must not delude ourselves that we can go on forever despite our enemies, and, above all, despite ourselves. Economic, civic, and political injustices are common enough among us. We have had our material, intellectual, moral, and religious differences and difficulties. We have had our crises to meet and our sins to repent, for America is not a paradise of perfect souls. But our country has not *lost* her soul! As Joe Louis said, "There are lots of things wrong with America but nothing that Naziism can cure." And I say, "There is nothing wrong that Communism can cure!"

America is no safer from mastery by Communism than was any European country. There we witnessed the killing and enslavement of whole peoples by Communists who, with the shedding of blood, have become as if drunken with it. In this atomic age of discord, with nations not alone divided against one another but against themselves, where men make mockery of the meaning and majesty of faith, America must continue to stand as the symbol and sanctuary of liberty, secure in the strength of her unity. Again and again our sons have been called upon to spend their youth, their dreams, their blood, their lives in war to preserve our liberties and bring freedom to imperiled peoples of the earth—to make the world itself free.

In my journeyings to the battlefronts I was privileged to talk with hundreds of men in our armed forces. Many of them have come to visit me since they returned to America, and one of these boys is now trying, through his own deep faith, to restore his family's faith in God and his own trust in his country and his fellowman. God grant he will, for there is no other road to peace for the lone soul or for the mighty nations of the earth.

When this boy enlisted in the Navy he was very young—only 19. At home he had left a twin sister and a younger brother, both of whom he had helped to educate and support. When he returned, 4 years later, he was a man—all his youth drained from him by the crush of war. And he found—what? Let him tell you:

"No years of battle could ever match the agony, the treachery, the disillusionment of home. I lived through the bitter days and years of fighting—*just to get home*. And I found home outwardly the same, but strange and broken within. Only my mother was the same.

"Two years ago my sister left her job where she worked evenings; she left the college where she studied days. She told my mother she was a 'publicist.' Two months ago I investigated, and found she was one of a dozen girls trained to write anti-American propaganda for the Communist Party. And nothing I said, nor the heartbreak she could read in my face, impressed her. Millions like me had sacrificed years of our lives to keep America safe for millions like

her, but that did not influence her, because the Communists, with their rosy promises, had eaten into her and corroded her heart and mind.

"But that was but a foretaste of the shame and misery I was to experience when my brother, only 12, refused to go to church with me. One Sunday it was a stomach-ache; another, it was an earache. At last he told me the truth. 'I don't believe in God,' he said in his angry, childish voice. 'Boys and girls laugh at me and call me the praying fool. They said they could prove you lied to me about God, just the way you did about Santa Claus.'"

STILL in the wake of war, we shall be guilty of our sons' betrayal and America's destruction if we do not stop the lust-born hates of Communist bigotry and greed that are sweeping like scythes across our nation's face. Only when each man himself lives and helps his fellow man to live by the Four Freedoms will the cruel grow merciful and just, the bigot turn his fierce, foul hates to tolerance and love, the lustful shed his pride and greed, and each shall be friend to all, the foe of none, and truly live America's plan.

There is no middle course between Democracy and Communism! Americans believe that all men are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights, while Communists deny the very existence of God and man's God-given rights. In our country's concepts the dignity of each man depends upon his spiritual independence, while Communism's concept is seeded in materialism and rooted in tyranny. It attempts to cure one abuse by substituting another. Wherever Communism appears, slavery reappears. America and Americans need only to look at the record and the wreckage of those bigoted governments and peoples who became gods and laws unto themselves, in order to be convinced of the nobility of our own free and democratic government and life.

Would we who are accustomed to complete freedom for both the press and the publisher in America, would we want to read one type of news or listen to one radio broadcast, regardless of the paper we bought or the station into which we tuned? Wherever Communism rules, the press conforms, or dies, and radio is an absolute state monopoly.

More than one half the families in America own automobiles, for necessity, convenience, or pleasure. But there is one benefit of the automobile which probably never occurs to most of us: the opportunity to roam the country freely, to go from city to city, state to state, or across international lines, with little difficulty. Where Communism is in power, only the mighty own cars, and when they do, they rarely roam, for even they may be under the strict surveillance of dragnets of spies.

In America we are free to discuss, criticize, and advise our government. Would we want to live under penalty of imprisonment, or even death,

for expressing our opinion about it, or be forbidden to change our places of residence without the permission of the police?

Do you believe that any man who spent the best years of his life in the hell of war on foreign soils wants his children's training and education prescribed by any dictator? Do you think he wants himself and his family watched and regimented? Do you think he wishes his whole life and all his labors controlled by the state?

In America, if a worker belongs to a union, he can bargain collectively with his employer, and unless he is a member of a Communist-dominated union, he is free to argue with his fellow workers. If he is dissatisfied, he can go on strike. During the past year we have had hundreds of strikes, some of them prolonged and widespread. And because some strikes are harmful to the employer, the working man, the public, and the country, thoughtful men have sought peaceful ways for realizing the just demands of the worker. But one aspect of the strike situation is usually overlooked: Strikes are possible because workers are free. No employer can compel a worker to be at his job, not even when the Government is the employer.

WHEN the American citizen goes to work, it is to a job of his own choice, though it may not be entirely to his liking. No human system is perfect, and even under ideal conditions wrong men are given authority. Leaders can abuse their power. Bureaucrats can become indifferent to the welfare of those who work for them. But we have democratic methods of solving our problems, while under Communism strikes are forbidden because they are considered a form of revolutionary sabotage, and the State, which is the employer, demands blind obedience, the only key to survival.

If we want to protect America against the invasion of Communism, we must act wisely and promptly to check its poison propaganda through the anti-toxin of truth and patriotism. It is not for me to cut a perfect pattern of Americanism. Our Founding Fathers, our soldiers, our patriotic citizens down through the years of our nation's life have formed this pattern and left to us the sacred trust of living and preserving it. Nor is it my duty to seek out those pseudo-Americans who would rob Americans of this heritage. That is the responsibility of informed and competent men in our government who are aware of un-American activities. But I feel that I would not be a true American if I did not express my conviction that no American can dare to compromise with the crooked courses of Communism, or surrender to it, without jeopardizing the security of our country. I feel that I would not be a true American if I entered into the conspiracy of silence and did not raise my voice above those who, privately and in whispers, talk about Communism, but neither act nor speak publicly against this insidious enemy of Americanism.

COMMUNISM is A MENACE

By John Edgar Hoover

THERE is an ever broadening front dominated by the subverter and the purveyor of alien isms which seeks to transform the America we know and love into a land of class struggle.

The shooting war has stopped, but espousers of dictatorships still exist and they have been too well entrenched to become converts to democracy overnight. The evidences of Fascist survival are too plain to ignore. The fight against fascism continues.

But the Fascists and Nazis are not the only menace to our internal security. To their forces must be added the American Communists with their Godless philosophy of life. They are against the America our forefathers fought and died for; they are against the established freedoms of America.

These panderers of diabolic distrust already are concentrating their efforts to confuse and divide by applying the Fascist smear to progressive police departments, the FBI, and other American institutions to conceal their own sinister purposes.

"Divide and conquer" tactics did not die with Hitler—they are being employed with greater skill today by American Communists with their "boring from within" strategy. Their propaganda, skillfully designed and adroitly executed, has been projected into practically every phase of our national life. The fact that the Communist Party in the United States claims some 100,000 members has lulled many Americans into a feeling of false complacency. I would not be concerned if we were dealing with only 100,000 Communists. The Communists themselves boast that for every Party member there are ten others ready to do the Party's work. These include their satellites, their fellow-travelers and their so-called progressive and phony liberal allies. They have maneuvered themselves into positions where a few Communists control the destinies of hundreds who are either willing to be led or have been duped into obeying the dictates of others.

During the past five years, American Communists have made their deepest inroads upon our national life. In our vaunted tolerance for all peoples the Communist has found our "Achilles' heel."

The Godless, truthless way of life that American Communists would force on America can mean only tyranny and oppression if they succeed. They are

against the liberty which is America—they are for the license of their own. When they raise their false cry of unity, remember there can be no unity with the enemies of our way of life who are attempting to undermine our democratic institutions. The Fascist-minded tyrant whom we conquered on the battlefields is no different from the American communistic corruptionist who now uses the tricks of the confidence man until his forces are sufficiently strong to rise with arms in revolt.

When they preach unity, let us not forget that when we were struggling to prepare for defense, they preached pacifism and fought our efforts to aid our allies and to build our common defenses. For true Americans there can be no unity with the enemy within and no compromise with those who would destroy all that we fight for. There is a distinction between respecting our ally Russia and respecting those within our country who would destroy all that we believe in. No one wishes to detract from the glorious war history written by the Russian people in protecting their soil.

But when it comes to governmental systems, we prefer our own American way, and we do not want the Communists in this country attempting to undermine our democracy or any of our institutions. We are proud of our American form of government. If we want to improve on it, we will do it in our own way, in our own time, and with our own blueprint.

The Communist influence has projected itself into some newspapers, magazines, books, radio and the screen. Some colleges and even fraternal orders have been penetrated, not with the approval of the rank and file but in spite of them.

From across the seas have come emissaries seeking to undermine our nationalism and to implant their doctrines of hate. In spreading propaganda, these subversive forces have become brazen. They have penetrated every realm of decency, seeking allies in our schools, our churches and our civic organizations. Ever on the alert to capitalize on popular trends, they have joined

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As director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, Mr. Hoover speaks with authority. His views represent a careful and mature consideration of our country's major problem — Communism — and his advice as to "what to do about it" stems from long experience in combating subversive un-American activities.

reform organizations and civil liberties groups, and have played dominant roles in some of the pacifist blocs. Wherever they go, they contaminate, because of the indifference and apathy of too many of our citizens. As a result, our America is at the crossroads.

America cannot exist half democratic and half Communist or Fascist. Therefore, it behooves us to be on guard for an enemy that brazenly and openly advocates the corruption of America, that spends sleepless nights working one propaganda line after another, that poses behind a hundred fronts, that squirms and twists his way into those great American forces such as the church, schools, and the ranks of labor.

The average American working man is loyal, patriotic and law-abiding. He wants security for his family and himself. But in some unions the rank and file find themselves between a Communist pincers manipulated by a few leaders who have hoodwinked and browbeaten them into a state of submission. Communist labor leaders have sparred for time in their labor deliberations to refer matters of policy to Communist Party headquarters for clearance. In fact, resolutions have been delayed pending such approval and contemplated strikes have been postponed until adequate Communist support and backing were available.

TODAY, the big guns of the Communist Party in the United States are aimed at returning veterans, openly boasting that here is a new front behind which they can hide. They have selected a worthy foe, for the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars are too experienced in fighting America's enemies to be hoodwinked by these Communist swindlers.

The American veterans represent a force which holds within its power the ability to expose the hypocrisy and ruthlessness of this foreign "ism" which has crept into our national life—an "ism" built and supported by dishonor, deceit, tyranny and a deliberate policy of falsehood.

It is a matter of self-preservation. The veteran who fought for America will be among the first to suffer if the Communists succeed in carrying out their diabolical plots to wreck the American way of life.

Over the years the American Communists have developed a propaganda machine and a nefarious and elaborate school system of their own. Their officials in secret and public meetings urge that the propaganda phase of their work must be accelerated. Brazenly, they have urged the development of courses, lectures, and assemblies as media to espouse the ideologies of Marxism and to establish Marxism as a school of thought in the United States. And

even in the chameleon cloak with which they have now enshrouded themselves, the American Communists still proclaim their loyalty to Marxism, the antithesis of American democracy. The Communist Trojan horse has now become the Trojan snake in American life.

The danger of these un-American activities is a real and present menace. Sneaking subverters work in the dark and with lying propaganda seek to undermine our freedom. While pretending to aid the less fortunate and the oppressed, they offer only sugar-coated tyranny and suppression of all liberty.

Just as the underworld seeks recruits among our youth, so do these godless forces of totalitarianism attempt to lure our boys and girls into the fear, the injustice, and the misery of slavery under dictatorship. Hypocritical organizations with high-sounding names have sprung up everywhere. Through these front organizations the Communists would educate America's youth along dictatorial lines. The very tolerance they would turn into intolerance has served them well and they are quick to charge "interference with the rights of the individual" when proper efforts are made to hamper their revolutionary activities.

Let us no longer be misled by their sly propaganda and false preachments on civil liberty. They want civil license to do as they please and, if they get control, liberty for Americans will be but a haunted memory. For those who seek to provoke prejudice and stir up the public mind to angry resentment against our form of government are a menace to the very powers of law and order which guarantee and safeguard popular rights.

They continue to pervert and complicate the solution of our perplexing domestic problems. That we have a growing problem of juvenile delinquency is known to all informed persons. The Communists also recognize this and see in it an opportunity for further infiltration. The mere association of the names American and democracy with the Communist youth movement does not make the organization either American or democratic. One Communist-front organization is now actively engaged in fostering youth recreation centers, a laudable project were it not for the sinister purposes that motivate it. The enemies of our institutions realize the value of youth and recruit them for their purposes. They make many recommendations, but they overlook the one fundamental cause of delinquency: the American home. In fact, they openly state that the responsibility for the rise in juvenile delinquency must be placed elsewhere than upon the family in general.

In the countries whose ideologies they prattle, all life revolves around the state . . . *the family, the home are nothing.*

Contrast this to America as we know and love it. Here all life revolves around the individual — the Government is his faithful servant, not always perfect but ever desirous to make his life more secure, more comfortable and more pleasant. In America we are free to search our own minds and the minds of others for the truth. Youth is a happy period of preparation for the fullness of life to follow.

The ambitions, strength of character, and the loyalties which give our individual lives their purposes and their goals are freely developed during our youth. In America, our boys and girls are free to choose the kind of a life they want and the only limitation to success is the individual capacity to succeed.

The ideal in government which we have achieved in our Union is worth the hunger of the men at Valley Forge. It is worth the aching muscles and blistered hands suffered by the sturdy frontiersmen who shoved westward along unknown trails. What our forebears built for us is worth our working for and struggling to make more perfect. We want peace in which individual enterprise and application of energy will bring a fuller life to our people. To our citizens there can be no peace or fullness of life without the freedom we know so well.

The time has come when we must make a choice. We can either resolve to protect our temples of liberty, or we can go blindly along believing that all is well. If we follow the latter course, we will some day find our liberties suddenly blacked out by the tyranny of a foreign dictator.

OUR people are accustomed to taking liberty for granted. As a result, they have ceased to think seriously about it. But the foes of America have much to say about it. They construe liberty as license, and clamor for even greater license. Liberty and license are as far apart as liberty and tyranny. License breeds tyranny.

Americanism is on trial. Its real test lies in the ability of red-blooded Americans to meet and defeat the "fifth column" of destruction. A knowledge of the lurking menace is necessary. Also, there is need to avoid confusion if America is to remain strong. This can be achieved only through clear thinking and positive action. We must understand the problems of the day and how they can best be solved. We must understand that the priceless heritage of a free people is liberty. It is also their greatest achievement. But it must be rewon in each generation, through eternal vigilance and positive action.

We are rapidly reaching the time when loyal Americans must be willing to stand up and be counted.

Action is necessary to prevent the bloodstream of America from becoming contaminated. There can be no procrastination. That this situation exists is no reflection upon the sincerity of the American people, but it does demand that we think straight and seek the truth.

It is a sad commentary indeed that the teaching of religion has been so sorely neglected, because Americanism finds its most lofty expression in terms of spiritual development. The Ten Commandments cannot be improved upon, nor can the Sermon on the Mount be surpassed as a guide for ethical conduct. Yet the godless forces of totalitarianism scoff at everything spiritual and religious. They have used every device at their command to place their mouth-pieces upon lecture platforms and in educational institutions to expound in a subtle manner, at times with a veneer of patriotism, their un-American theories.

The American Communist Party, despite its claims, is not truly a political party . . . it is a system of intrigue, actuated by fanaticism. It knows no rules of decency. Its unprincipled converts would sell America short if it would help their cause of furthering an alien way of life conceived in darkness and motivated by greed for power whose ultimate aim is the destruction of our cherished freedom.

Intellectual freedom is American. Intellectual license and debauchery is un-American. In righteous indignation it is time to drive the debauchers of America out in the open, where their true purposes may be revealed. As we face the new era that lies ahead, let us realize our responsibilities to those who have fought and died that democracy might live, by dedicating every fibre of our being to the preservation of the America we love. Let us forever pledge that we shall keep here in America a way of life that is wholesomely democratic, where citizens walk consciously and fearlessly as free men.

I know of no greater cause; I know of no cause more entitled to receive the enthusiastic support of every American interested in the preservation of our country's institutions.

The struggle in which we are engaged calls upon every man, woman, and child to be Americans first, last and always.

If we would protect America, we must determine that no group of espionage agents or subverts, and no coalition of paid anti-American propagandists shall sway us from our American way of life.

We, of this generation, have faced two great menaces in America — Fascism and Communism. Both are materialistic; both are totalitarian; both are anti-religious; both are degrading and inhuman. In fact, they differ little except in name. Communism has bred Fascism and Fascism spawns Com-

munism. Both are the antithesis of American belief in liberty and freedom. If the peoples of other countries want Communism, let them have it, but it has no place in America.

The Hitler, Tojo and Mussolini brands of Fascism were met and defeated on the battlefield. All those who stand for the American way of life must arise and defeat Red Fascism in America by focusing upon it the spotlight of public opinion and by building up barriers of common decency through which it cannot penetrate.

To allow America to become infected with the malignant growth of Communism is a breach of our trust to those who gave their lives for American principles.

Let us gird ourselves with the determination that those basic freedoms and spiritual ideals for which so many have sacrificed so much shall not be destroyed from within.

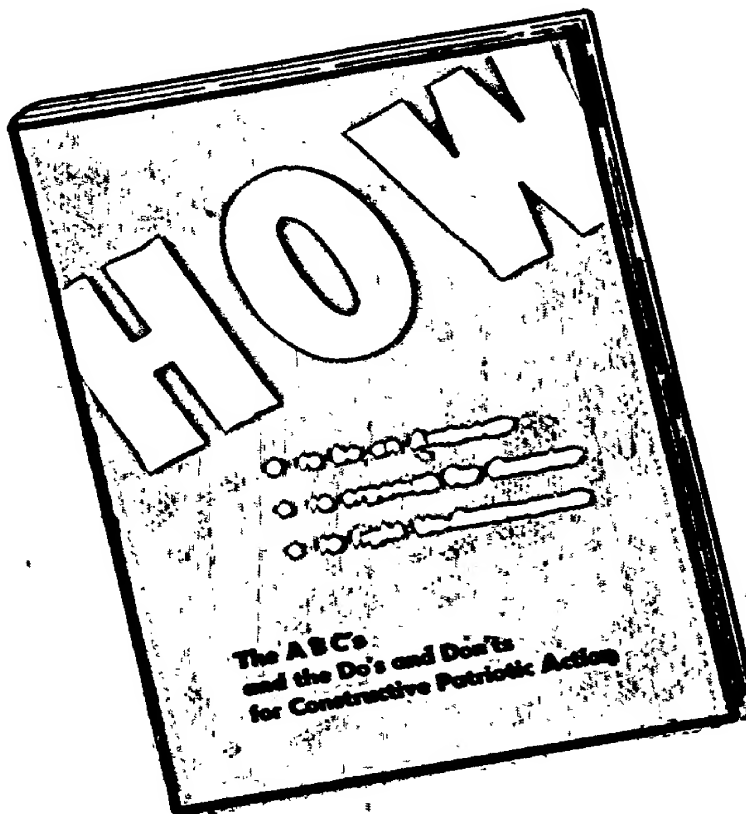
Let us be steadfast for America, work and live for America, and eternally be on guard to defend our Constitution and our way of life against the virulent poison of Communistic ideology.



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by
JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

PAUL RICHMAN
1003 K STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 1, D. C.

August 1, 1947

My dear Lou:

Enclosed please find a publication of Joe

① Kamp's ① Constitutional Educational League in which he
incorporates Mr. Hoover's splendid statement. You
will note, however, that Mr. Kamp is selling these
under his egis for ten cents per copy.

Kindest personal regards -

Sincerely yours,

Paul Richman
Paul Richman

Mr. Louis B. Nichols
Assistant Director, FBI
Department of Justice
Penna. Ave. at Ninth
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Mr. Joseph P. Kamp
Constitutional Educational League, Inc.
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Kamp:

Your red-covered pamphlet has been called to my attention with the advice that it is being sold for ten cents a copy and since you have assembled a series of statements from various articles and statements which I have made, the connotation is conveyed that this is done with my approval. This is most embarrassing inasmuch as I have declined to grant approval to reprint my public statements in the past in instances where a fee is charged. While nothing can be done about the copies which are already out, I would appreciate it if no additional copies of statements made by me were reprinted and distributed without my specific authorization.

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. Edgar Hoover
Mailed by the Director

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August 20, 1947 *file*

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLS

Re: Constitutional Education
League, Inc.
Joseph P. Kamp

Reference is made to my memorandum dated August 7, 1947, captioned as above. You will recall that the Director asked, "Why have we delayed so long in taking action on this?"

A review of the files reveals that under date of January 2, 1947, Mr. Ladd addressed a memorandum to the Director concerning this matter. The recommendation read, "In view of the fact that your speeches are public and are not copyrighted, it appears that no further action can be taken in this matter." This recommendation, of course, referred to the quotations from the Director's speeches in the pamphlet entitled, "Communism is Un-American" by Francis Cardinal Spellman. The back cover was entitled, "Communism Is a Menace" and quoted from the Director's speeches. *28*
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Based on Mr. Ladd's memorandum of January 2, 1947, Assistant to the Director Tamm wrote a memorandum to the Director on January 6 and pointed out that he did not believe there was any means by which we could restrain Joseph Kamp and his Constitutional Education League from quoting from the Director's speeches.

It was pointed out that the Director's speeches were not copyrighted and that it would be undesirable to copyright them. It was further indicated that a notation indicating that no excerpts would be used without the Bureau's permission would probably curtail press coverage. Mr. Tamm observed that we, of course, could go to Kamp and ask him not to quote from the speeches but he undoubtedly would defy us if we did. Mr. Tamm stated that he felt that we should take no affirmative action in the situation. In an ink notation the Director commented, "I agree. No action. H."

Respectfully,

M. A. Jones

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 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____

August 7, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLS

Re: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION
LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH P. KAMP

According to a note (Serial 507 of 61-10355) it does not appear that express permission was ever given to Kamp or the League to publish excerpts of expressions by the Director. The note concludes that the Director's speeches are public and not copyrighted and it does not appear that there is any way to restrict the distribution of the pamphlet even though it is published without the Director's approval.

The booklet forwarded by Mr. Richman containing the article, "Communism As a Menace," sets out in a box that this article comprises a collection of expressions by the Director. It also appears that single copies of the booklet may be secured without charge and that a charge of ten cents is made for each copy when quantities are requested. No permission to Kamp was found.

Respectfully,

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ADDENDUM: LBN:RC 8/7/47

It is suggested that the attached letter go forward to Joseph Kamp and if the Director approves I will tell Richman this was printed without the Director's permission and that he has written to Kamp. This undoubtedly is a portion of the basis for the Birkhead statement which was referred to us by Billy Rose.

Attachment

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August 21, 1947

OFFICE OF
JOSEPH P. KAMP
VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You will be glad to know that there is no possible reason for you to feel embarrassed because we put a price on our red-covered booklet which contained reprints of an article by Cardinal Spellman and your own potent warnings against Communism. Actually the booklet was never "sold for ten cents a copy" as your letter states. There was no attempt to exploit it commercially; we refused to make it available for resale, and, its circulation has been almost entirely complimentary. The booklet has always been available free of charge.

Three editions of this booklet have been published. I am enclosing a copy of one of the two early editions. You will note that there is no price on the booklet and that we offered "additional copies on request." In a sense, this was a mistake, because too many people requested copies in huge quantity lots. At first we complied without question, but after a second edition was quickly becoming exhausted, we limited the supply to 100 copies for individuals and 500 copies for organizations, and decided that we would have to list a charge for quantity lots in the future. Hence, when the third edition was published, we included a coupon which said: "Single copies without charge, ten cents each in quantities." However, this merely eliminated the "free loaders" (whose enthusiasm, we felt, probably exceeded their capacity to get distribution) and we continued, in most instances, to make the booklets available without charge. In a few cases, they were sold at cost. I would record that 99% of the booklets were distributed free.

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
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Mr. Nease ✓
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"Organized to preserve the American System—to defend the Constitution and insure the right to Life, Liberty and Property"

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I am surprised that the booklet did not come to your favorable attention long ago, since 265,000 copies were published last year. In fact, it was not reprinted in 1947 and there has been no distribution to speak of since last winter. It came to your notice at this late date, no doubt, because Walter Winchell's co-worker, "Dr." L.M. Birkhead, just "exposed" the booklet in the July 15th issue of his nasty little smear sheet, FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY'S BATTLE.

DOES HOOVER KNOW? is Birkhead's headline. He points out that while we noted permission to reprint from Cardinal Spellman, similar notice was lacking in respect to your material. He makes the obvious inference that we did not have your permission to reprint your remarks and therefore, he says, with queer logic, you are being used as a "front". He suggests, then, that you should object to this use of your name, hoping, no doubt, that you would do so publicly and thereby help along his campaign of libel, slander, vilification and abuse against the oldest active anti-Communist organization in the country.

In the past we have reprinted your remarks in a half-dozen of our booklets and it never occurred to us that it was necessary to ask your permission. Frankly, we considered your remarks as head of the FBI to be public property. In the present instance we felt that we were doing a public service, as well as a patriotic duty, by calling the public's attention to the public remarks of the public official most directly concerned with the problem of Communism. We naturally felt that you would be glad, in view of the seriousness of the Communist threat, to have your public statements on the subject given the widest possible dissemination. But, mindful of the position which you hold, we were careful to see to it that the booklet was dignified, and that it contained only such material as would be considered on a par with your own statements and in line with your own views. We took particular pains to keep out of the booklet any taint of commercialism. It is one of the few booklets we have published in which we do not advertise all of the other literature we have available.

Further, we made it quite clear on page 12 of the booklet that in presenting your views, we were reprinting extracts from a series of public addresses made by you. Therefore, I hardly think that anyone but a Birkhead (or the Daily Worker) would ~~conclude that you were being used as a~~ "front" by or for Joe Kamp or anyone else.

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If you will review the facts and give the matter further consideration, I think you will conclude, in all honesty, that instead of being criticized, we deserve your hearty commendation. However, you cannot afford to say so and I do not expect it for, with a full realization of all the circumstances, I know that such an acknowledgment is out of the question.

In any event, if we should desire to reprint any of your statements in the future, we will be only too glad to do you the courtesy of writing to get your specific authorization. We certainly would not want to do anything to play into the hands of the Birkheads who are bent on creating dissension in the ranks of Americans.

With best wishes for the continued success of your efforts in combatting Communism, I am

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph Kamp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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~~PERSONAL - CONFIDENTIAL~~

September 26, 1947

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In our organization, and I presume the same situation is true for other industrial groups such as ours, we are solicited frequently to contribute to organizations which hold themselves out to be patriotic and interested in the country's welfare. When it is possible, we like to contribute to a meritorious organization which seeks to further the American cause and the American way of life, but it is a difficult problem to determine which organizations are truly American.

As we all know, the outward appearance of some of these organizations gives no indication of their true character, which may or may not be good. Our problem is one of trying to find which are good and which are subversive. I have on my desk several pamphlets published and distributed by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., 342 Madison Avenue, New York. These attack the Communist party and Communist organizations. Much of the literature is signed by Joseph Kamp who, it is my understanding, at one time was pro-Fascist and was associated with Gerald L. K. Smith.

This organization has claimed to be working hand in hand with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and you as its Director. If this is true and the organization is a loyal, patriotic one to which you would lend your name, we in turn, are anxious to support it. If this is not true and it is an organization that is inimical to the country's good, we do not intend to have anything to do with it. I would appreciate receiving any comment you feel at liberty to make about the Constitutional Educational League.

I want to point out that I am well informed of the limitations placed upon a Government organization in commenting on matters of this type. However, I am at a loss to know where else to turn for accurate information. I hope you will

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Mr. Ladd	
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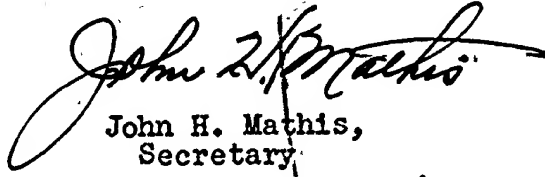
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appreciate the spirit in which this inquiry is made and can see fit to give me some information which would be helpful in guiding us in our decision.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,



John H. Mathis,
Secretary

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: February 5, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH PETER KAMP, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
REGISTRATION ACT
(Bureau file #61-10355)

Reurlet January 19, 1948.

Please be advised that Assistant U.S. Attorney HITZ states subject KAMP'S trial is set for February 16 or 17, 1948. In this connection Mr. HITZ advises that KAMP'S attorney will strongly urge KAMP to enter a plea of guilty. Mr. HITZ, however, does not believe KAMP will agree to this, and consequently he is prepared to proceed with the trial. Mr. HITZ will keep this office informed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 7, 1947

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
 JOSEPH PETER KAMP, etal
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C
 REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to my letter of August 8, 1947, regarding the prosecution of KAMP in captioned matter.

This is to advise that Assistant U. S. Attorney HITZ advised on November 5, 1947, that no decision has been made to date whether or not the Government will prosecute this case against KAMP. It was stated that an opinion should be rendered sometime after the first of the year.

CC-New Haven

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: 3-16-48

FROM : J. P. Coyne

SUBJECT: JOSEPH PETER KAMP
 CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, Inc.
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C
 REGISTRATION ACT

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In connection with the captioned matter, Mr. W. C. Ryan of the Washington Field Office telephonically advised SA F. J. Baumgardner at 4:25 pm today that Kamp had been found guilty of contempt of Congress.

As you will recall, Kamp refused to answer questions asked of him by a Congressional committee.

A motion was made by Kamp for a new trial which, according to Mr. Ryan, will be heard by the Court on March 19, 1948.

ACTION:

This matter will be closely followed and you will be kept advised of developments.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD *Sh*

FROM : J. P. Coyne *JP*

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CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
REGISTRATION ACT

DATE: March 17, 1948

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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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Reference is made to my memorandum of March 16, 1948, advising that the subject was found guilty of contempt of Congress by a jury at 4:25 PM, March 16, 1948. Kamp had refused to produce the books and records of his organization before a committee of the House of Representatives in 1944, and the case has finally been decided. A motion has been made for a new trial which will be heard by the court on March 19, 1948.

For your information, on June 23, 1944, the Speaker of the House of Representatives appointed a committee to investigate campaign expenditures. The committee caused to be issued a subpoena duces tecum to Joseph Peter Kamp to appear before the committee on October 4, 1944, with the books and records of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., showing the names and addresses of contributors of \$100 or more during 1944. On October 4, 1944, Kamp appeared before the committee and refused to produce the records requested. The indictment returned by the grand jury in the District of Columbia charged that Kamp acted intentionally and deliberately in failing to produce the records, but at the same time, he did not make the refusal in bad faith or for an evil purpose. The determination of Kamp's case was held up pending a decision of the United States Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia in the case of Benjamin E. Fields regarding the interpretation of the word "willfully" in the statute. The appeal of Fields was recently denied by the Court of Appeals and upon that basis the trial of Kamp was held.

ACTION:

You will be advised of the decision by the Court with regard to the motion for a new trial which will be held on March 19, 1948.

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CLARE E. HOFFMAN
4TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

HOME ADDRESS:
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COMMITTEES:
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON
EXPENDITURES IN THE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

MEMBER, COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION AND LABOR

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

March 27, 1948

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

61-10355

In re Investigation of Joseph Kamp
and contempt proceedings

My dear Sir:

Kamp, whom I have known since, I think it was, 1937, when he asked me to assist him in a speaking trip in the South against Communism - which I did - was in the other day and stated that the Government was interested in a check for \$9 which he gave me sometime around the late '30's or early 40's.

I examined my cash book and find an entry under date of December 12, 1940, which reads as follows:

"Joseph P. Kamp - 6 Dies 'Red' papers - \$1.25,
and 3 "white" papers - 50¢ - \$ 9.00"

Have no present recollection as to the contents of either of these documents which were, I assume, Government publications which Kamp requested which I did not have on hand and which he asked me to purchase for him.

Any further information which I can give will be gladly furnished.

The New Dealers, the Communists, all hate Joe Kamp and, from their standpoint, with very good reason. He has sure done his best to expose them. If FBI and the Department of Justice can work as earnestly as has Joe and with perhaps a little more discretion, a lot of crooks and individuals interested in destroying our constitutional processes will be in jail.

Sincerely yours,

Clare E. Hoffman

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: March 20, 1948

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JOE KAMP

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Mr. McGuire called and stated that ~~Senator~~ **CONGRESSMAN** Clare Hoffman had complained that the FBI had said that Joe Kamp had sent Hoffman a \$9.00 check as a political contribution. Mr. McGuire stated that Hoffman did not furnish any dates and he did not indicate the source of his information.

A check of the Kamp file, which is very large, has been made and a reference to a \$9.00 check to Hoffman by Kamp has been located. There is attached a blind memorandum reflecting the information which can be readily located concerning this check. The file has not been completely reviewed to locate all possible references to this check.

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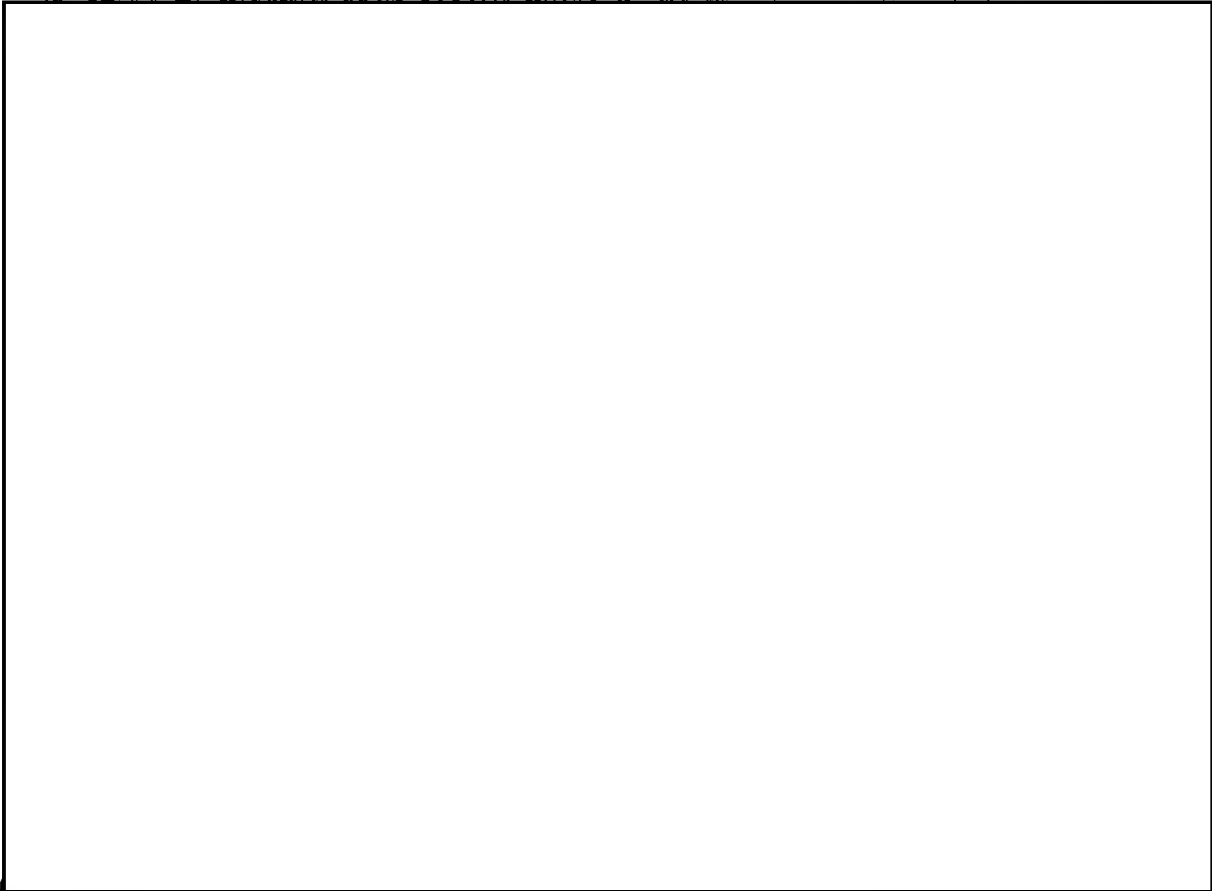
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March 20, 1948

Re: CLARE E. HOFFMAN

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With regard to the alleged check in the amount of \$9.00 received by Clare E. Hoffman from Joseph Kamp, it is indicated that under date of



In connection with the trial of Kamp on contempt charges, Washington, D. C., Washington Field requested a copy of the photostat in question which was transmitted on February 16, 1945.

As mentioned above, the purpose of the check was not indicated but Hoffman was a very good friend of Kamp and spoke many times under the auspices of Kamp's league. This information was furnished by William Rush, Jr. of New Haven who was office manager of the league from 1936 to 1938.

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According to a report of the Anti-Defamation League made by one of its investigators, Clarence C. Carruthers, Kamp told friends and associates that he was intimate and a close advisor of Congressman Clare Hoffman of Michigan and that almost weekly he visits Washington to confer with this Congressman and others.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 12, 1948

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
INTERNAL SECURITY (G)
Bureau File 61-10355

On April 7, 1948 William Foley, President of the Newman Club, University of Connecticut, at Fort Trumbull, Connecticut, furnished to SA John J. Barrett a copy of a pamphlet distributed by the above captioned organization. It is noted that the pamphlet contains two articles, one entitled "Communism is Un-American" by Francis Cardinal Spellman and the other entitled, "Communism is a Menace" by John Edgar Hoover.

According to Mr. Foley these pamphlets were being distributed by the Seaside Council #17, Knights of Columbus, at New London, Connecticut.

The pamphlet is enclosed with this letter and is being forwarded to the Bureau for its information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 4, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC
JOSEPH PETER KAMP, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
REGISTRATION ACT
(Bufile 61-10355)

An examination of the criminal docket of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C. reflects the following data with reference to subject KAMP:

A verdict of guilty was returned on March 16, 1948. On March 18, 1948, a motion was entered for arrest of judgment and also a motion for a new trial was filed. Both of these motions were denied and on March 24, 1948, KAMP was sentenced to imprisonment for a period of four months and ordered to pay a fine of \$100. The fine was suspended and defendant was permitted to remain on bond pending appeal.

On April 3, 1948, a notice of appeal was filed and defendant was granted a stay until June 14, 1948 for the purpose of filing a record on appeal.

The Bureau and New Haven Field Division will be advised concerning the final adjudication in this matter.

cc - New Haven

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 23, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH PETER KAMP, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
REGISTRATION ACT
(Bufile 61-10355)

This is to advise that no action has been taken in connection with this case since June 11, 1948, when the motion for an appeal was recorded. The date for the hearing of the appeal has not been set and no estimate can be made at the present time of this date. You will be advised of developments.

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CC: New Haven

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: September 16, 1948

FROM : Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

AMC:WEP:lr

SUBJECT: Constitutional Educational League

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Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Gurnea.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Mohr.....
Mr. Pennington.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

Forwarded herewith is a photostat copy of a letter, dated August 12, 1948, addressed to Mr. Edmund L. Cocks, 18 Cohawny Road, Scarsdale, New York, by Lambert Fairchild, Chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York. Mr. Cocks called the letter to the attention of Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, at a meeting of the grand jury in the Southern District of New York on September 14. A number of grand jurors have received similar communications from Fairchild.

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Constitutional Educational League

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NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS
342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
321 CHAPEL STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

MIDWEST HEADQUARTERS
PIONEER BUILDING
MADISON, WIS.

New York Headquarters

342 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

August 12, 1948

Mr. Edmund L. Cocks
18 Cohaway Road
Scarsdale, New York

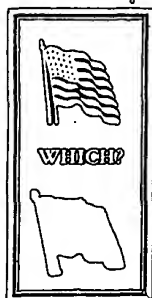
Dear Mr. Cocks:

It is obvious from revelations made in Washington in recent days that a menacing conspiracy to steal documents and information from secret Government files has long been in active operation. It would seem, however, that sufficient evidence was not presented to your grand jury to warrant action, or that the district attorney did not press for indictments, other than in the cases of the well-known Communist Party leaders who were not directly involved in the spy conspiracy.

In the present world crisis, time is of the essence. It is imperative that the Congressional investigators, engaged in exposing this traitorous underground within our government, uncover at once every last plotter against the integrity and the security of the United States. Delay is dangerous.

To this end, every scintilla of evidence adduced during more than a year of your closed Grand Jury hearings should be made available immediately to both Senate and House Committees investigating the matter. Such action would set an example which President Truman might well follow. This may be an unusual procedure, but these are unusual times. The security of our nation is paramount.

You accepted a grave responsibility when you became foreman of the special grand jury investigating the ramifications of a Communist spy ring in the



"Organized to preserve the American System—to defend the Constitution and insure the right to Life, Liberty and Property"

Page Two.

United States. The grand jury is a powerful and independent agency of Government. You have authority and prerogatives that no one can deny. You can even call in outside counsel to advise you. It is your patriotic duty to use this power to its full extent in protecting the security of our country.

Your grand jury should reconvene at once and direct that a complete transcript of its proceedings be made available to these Legislative agencies. I urge you to take immediate steps to accomplish this result.

Very truly yours,

Lambert Fairchild,
Chairman.

LF:r

Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell
Criminal Division

September 22, 1948

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE

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This will acknowledge your memorandum dated September 16, 1948 in the above-captioned matter which enclosed a photostatic copy of a letter dated August 12, 1948, addressed to Mr. Edmund L. Cocks, written by Lambert Fairchild, Chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, 342 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

No action is being taken by this Bureau relative to this matter in the absence of specific instructions from the Department.

FLJ:EHW

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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cc - Mr. Ladd
The Attorney General

November 16, 1948

Director, FBI

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CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.;
JO EPH PETER-KAMP, with aliases
Registration Act
(Your reference 146-7-45)

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a communication directed to me by Congressman Thomas E. Martin of the First District of Iowa dated November 11, 1948, as well as a copy of my reply to Congressman Martin.

For your additional information there is enclosed a photostatic copy of the leaflet disseminated by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., captioned "A Background of Significance" which was referred to in my reply to Congressman Martin.

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SENT MAIL D. O.
TIME 9:00 AM
DATE 11-16-48
BY RSP

Mr. Tolson _____
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Honorable Thomas E. Martin
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated
November 11, 1948.

As of possible interest and for your information regarding
the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., I am enclosing herewith
a photostatic copy of a leaflet disseminated by this League captioned
"A Background of Significance." This leaflet, you will observe,
relates to the creation, record of achievement, and program of action
of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., of which Joseph P.
Kamp is the director.

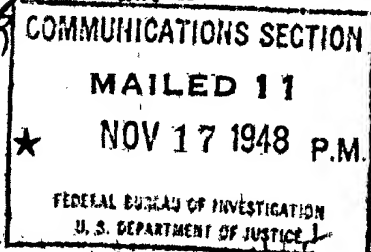
For any information regarding the Social Service
Employees Union as well as additional data pertaining to
the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., and Joseph P.
Kamp, I should like to respectfully refer you to the Attorney
General of the United States.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson _____
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THOS. E. MARTIN
1st Dist., Iowa

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COMMITTEE:
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HOME ADDRESS:
IOWA CITY, IOWA

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

November 11, 1948

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Can you get me a report on the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., 342 Madison Avenue, New York, NY, and also on a man whose name is Joseph P. Kamp and who is reported to be one of the vice presidents of this organization?

Also, I would like some information as to the stability and integrity of a union known as the Social Service Employees' Union, a local of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, CIO.

I hope that you can give me a prompt answer to this inquiry.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Thos E. Martin

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The Attorney General

November 29, 1948

Director, FBI

CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH PETER KAMP
SOCIAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION
(LOCAL OF THE UNITED OFFICE AND
PROFESSIONAL WORKERS OF AMERICA, CIO)

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In accordance with the request contained in your memorandum of November 23, 1948, there are attached hereto two separate memoranda captioned, "Constitutional Educational League, Inc., Joseph Peter Kamp" and "Social Service Employees Union", each of which is dated November 29, 1948.

The information appearing in the attached memoranda is based upon data from the files of the Bureau reflecting the results of investigations concerning the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., Joseph Peter Kamp, and Social Service Employees Union - CIO, DOPWA.

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cc - Mr. Ladd

Mr. Fletcher

K. WEATHERFORD:jbs

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Summary

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**CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH PETER KAMP**

There is set forth herewith a summary of information relating to the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. and Joseph Peter Kamp. The Constitutional Educational League, Inc. has, since 1937, operated principally under the guidance of Joseph Peter Kamp. Accordingly, in the interest of avoiding duplication, data regarding Kamp and the League will be submitted within the same memorandum.

Origin of Constitutional Educational League, Inc.

This organization was incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut on April 20, 1937, with Joseph Peter Kamp as chairman. However, it appears that the organization is an outgrowth of the Constitutional Defense League, which was founded in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in June of 1919.

Aims and Purposes

The declared purpose of the organization is: "To bring about a more complete understanding of the functions of our Government and the guarantees and provisions of its instrument, the Constitution of the United States; to inculcate patriotism and love of country; to investigate and expose the subversive elements which are seeking to undermine the faith of the American people in their institutions and to foster this general program through the medium of the spoken word." (7)

Headquarters

The League maintains its headquarters at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City, from which its principal volume of business is conducted.

Activities

The principal activity of the League appears to consist of writing and/or dissemination of publications of an extremely anti-Communist nature. Among the publications issued by the League, copies of each of which have been furnished to the Department, are:

- ✓ "Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America" (1937)
- "The Hell of Herrin....Rages Again" (1937)
- "Headlines and What's Behind Them" (1939)
- "The Fifth Column in Washington!" (1940)

Note: The source of the above information was 61-10355 constituting 17 sections. No additional references pertaining to Kamp and the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. were reviewed.

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"The Fifth Column in the South" (1940)
"The Fifth Column versus the Dies Committee" (1941)
"The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America" (1941)
"Why Win the War and Lose What We're Fighting For" (1942)
"Native Mass Purge Plot" (1942)
Department of Justice memorandum regarding National Negro Congress (1942)
Department of Justice memorandum regarding American Youth Congress (1942)
"What's Cookin'" (1942)

Investigation by the Bureau

An investigation concerning Kamp and the League was instituted by the Bureau during October, 1940, and in the memorandum dated March 10, 1941, the Attorney General was advised of the information developed by the Bureau and was requested to render an opinion as to possible violations of Federal law by the League and/or Kamp. A reply was received from the Criminal Division dated June 6, 1941, advising that the facts presented did not constitute a violation of any Federal law. It was stated in this memorandum that no further investigation was desired. On September 4, 1941, the publication "The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America", disseminated by the League, was forwarded to the Attorney General and advice was requested as to any action desired. The memorandum dated September 22, 1941, was received from the Attorney General stating that it was not believed that the publication of this pamphlet constituted a violation of any Federal criminal statute. The Bureau subsequently, on various dates, communicated with the Department regarding the publication and dissemination of certain literature by the League. On November 11, 1942, the Department requested additional investigation regarding the League and the association of various individuals with the League. Pursuant to this request an investigation was performed and copies of reports reflecting the desired investigation were transmitted to the Department.

The Criminal Division, in a memorandum dated December 4, 1943, observed that Kamp was delinquent with his local Selective Service Board in that he failed to return a questionnaire mailed to him on August 15, 1942. In accordance with the request of the Criminal Division an investigation was conducted regarding Kamp's Selective Service delinquency. However, it was ascertained that he complied with the Selective Service Act and the Criminal Division, in concurrence with the United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, advised that prosecution of Kamp relative to the alleged Selective Service delinquency was not warranted.

On June 23, 1944, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives appointed a committee comprised of 7 members to investigate campaign expenditures. Subsequently, on September 28, 1944, this committee caused to be issued a subpoena duces tecum to Joseph Peter Kamp to appear before the committee on October 4, 1944, and produce the books and records of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. Kamp was further directed to produce the names of contributors of more than \$100 each to the League. The subpoena duces tecum was served October 2, 1944, on Kamp in the Southern District of New York.

Kamp appeared before the committee on October 4, 1944, as directed; however, he declined to produce any of the papers and records of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. He protested that it was unnecessary for him to comply with the subpoena duces tecum to produce the records of the League and contended that the League was not engaged in political activity, therefore, it did not come within the proper scope of the committee's inquiry into campaign expenditures.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives provided the United States Attorney in the District of Columbia with a certification of Kamp's willful and deliberate refusal to present the records and books of the League before the committee.

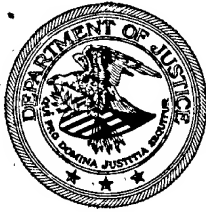
During October of 1944 a Federal Grand Jury in the District of Columbia returned an indictment against Kamp charging him with violation of Section 192, Title 2, U.S. Code, alleging that he willfully declined to exhibit the records and books of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. to the House Committee on Campaign Expenditures.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Kamp on December 21, 1944, and on December 29, 1944, he surrendered to the United States Marshall in the District of Columbia. Upon the deposit of a \$500 cash bond by his wife, Mildred M. Kamp, he was released pending trial.

Subsequent to various postponements the trial of Kamp commenced during March, 1948, and on March 16 of that year a guilty verdict was returned. On March 24, 1948, Kamp was sentenced to imprisonment for a period of 4 months and ordered to pay a \$100 fine. The fine was suspended and he was permitted to remain on bond pending an appeal.

A notice of appeal was filed on April 3, 1948, in behalf of Kamp and the motion for an appeal was recorded on June 11, 1948. The date for the hearing of the appeal has not yet been scheduled.

For any additional data which may be desired regarding Kamp and the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., you are referred to the numerous reports and memoranda transmitted to the Department reflecting the results of a rather extensive investigation.



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

November 23, 1948

Memorandum for the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
Mr. Gurnea ✓
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Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Pennington ✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

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It will be appreciated if you will advise briefly
what information the Bureau files reveal concerning the
following:

The Constitutional League, Inc.
342 Madison Avenue, New York.

Joseph P. Kamp (reported to be vice-president
of this organization).

Social Service Employees' Union (local of the
United Office and Professional Workers of
America, CIO).

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Attorney General

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: January 6

SUBJECT: PAMPHLET ENTITLED, "WITH LOTIONS OF LOVE---TO WALTER WINCHELL"
 AUTHORED BY JOSEPH P. KAMP
 MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

On January 4, 1949, CHARLES P. WIMMER, 1269 South Woods, Los Angeles, California, telephone Angelus 9-3525, business address Box 5, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed in the Los Angeles Office by SA Robert F. Ryan in connection with the case entitled "JOHN WILLIAM MACKAY, Clerk, Post Office Los Angeles, LGE," Bureau file 121-13279.

At the conclusion of the interview, WIMMER left a booklet entitled "With Lotions of Love---to Walter Winchell" authored by JOSEPH P. KAMP, and requested that it be returned to him by mail in the near future.

This pamphlet is published and distributed by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N.Y. It lists on page 5 the ten different things WALTER WINCHELL represents to the millions of radio fans, and item 4 reads as follows: "The man who shares J. EDGAR HOOVER's FBI secrets." On pages 8 and 9, reference is made to the Un-American Gestapo which spies on private citizens and whose principal weapon is the smear. The private spies of this Un-American Gestapo represent themselves as Government agents, as members of Military Intelligence, as Congressional investigators, as FBI agents, etc.

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It is obvious that this book is devoted almost entirely to a castigation of the radio commentator and columnist, WALTER WINCHELL.

CHARLES P. WIMMER, who left the subject pamphlet at the Los Angeles Office, claims to be with the Advertising and Public Relations Department of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, main office 1510 H Street N.W., Washington, D. C., and responsible only to NFPOC President LEO E. GEORGE. WIMMER also claims to have testified before the HCUA when run by MARTIN DIES and when former Special Agent WHITLEY was counsel.

The existence of the subject pamphlet is undoubtedly known to the Bureau. Nevertheless, its appearance in this district is brought to the Bureau's attention.

The pamphlet is being returned to Mr. WIMMER.

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YOUNG WOMENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION



612 PLEASANT STREET
BELOIT, WISCONSIN

January 20, 1949

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I have recently read the booklet, "Behind the
Lace Curtains of the Y.W.C.A." edited by a Mr.
Joseph P. Kamp. The booklet was published by the
Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated,
of 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York. It
purportedly shows extensive Communist infiltration
in the Y.W.C.A. R 5.1
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We have found many of the accusations to be
unfounded and untrue, and have since learned that
Mr. Kamp has written such booklets about other
organizations and congressional groups. His
claim is that he has published "many documented
exposures of Communist activity in American life"
for over twenty years. ~~DEFERRED~~

Do you have any information concerning this
educational league and particularly Mr. Kamp which
you can give us? I understand he has twice been
indicted by federal grand juries. I will appreciate
any information you can give concerning Mr. Kamp and
his qualifications as an authoritative investigator.

Sincerely

Josephine Romedahl
Josephine Romedahl
Executive Director

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Miss Josephine Romedahl
Executive Director
Young Womens Christian Association
612 Pleasant Street
Beloit, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Romedahl:

Your letter dated January 20, 1949, has been received. I regret that I cannot be of service in connection with your request for information which may be in the files of this Bureau, as, in accordance with a long-standing policy, our files are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have information in our files because of my inability to be of assistance. The thought occurs that you might be interested in reading the enclosed literature.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosure

Director's Testimony before the House Committee

NOTE: An investigation concerning Kamp and the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated was instituted by the Bureau in October, 1940. He has associated with members of the German American Bund and the Christian Front and is known to have distributed anti-Semitic literature.

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PAUL E. KILLINGER
120 West Waverly Ave.,
Buffalo (14), New York

March 4

Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Washington, D C

Gentlemen:

I have recently received some literature from a super-patriotic group known as the Constitutional Educational League. They send, along with other material of much interest some booklets described as follows: "Department of Justice Memo ... Strictly Confidential ... From the Secret Files of the FBI" These booklets relate what purports to be facts regarding such known Communist fronts as the Nat'l Federation for Constitutional Liberties; American Peace Mobilization; League of American Writers; and several others.

Now I'd like to know since when any group has access to your "secret" files? If this group does not have legal access to your files, why are they not prosecuted by the attorney general?

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Certainly every truly American citizen is looking for sane and sensible correct information regarding the evils of Communism. But I do not see where this group can be allowed to publish what purports to be secret information.

I would be most interested to receive any factual material on either the extreme left or extreme right. I feel

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that equal danger arises from both these extremes. So I seek information. And I hope you will be kind enough to answer my questions regarding this Constitutional Educational League and its literature.

Very sincerely,

Paul E. Killinger
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March 11, 1949

Mr. Paul E. Killinger
120 West Winspear Avenue
Buffalo (14), New York

1-10355-530
Dear Mr. Killinger:

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Your letter of March 4, 1949, has been received. I regret that I cannot be of service in connection with your request for information which may be in the files of this Bureau, as, in accordance with Departmental regulations, our files are confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have information in our files because of my inability to be of assistance. It is a pleasure to enclose material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

NOTE: 61-10355-529 reflected that the organization concerning which writer has inquired was founded in Connecticut in 1937 as an outgrowth of the Constitution Defense League formed in 1919. The chairman is Joseph Peter Kamp and his declared position is alleged to be "To bring about a more complete understanding of the functions of our government and the guarantees and provisions of its instruments of the Constitution of the U.S." Its principal activities appear to consist of sending out material of an extreme Anti-Communist nature. This Bureau has investigated the League and Kamp.

Mr. Tolson
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How to Fight Communism
Don't Be Duped by the Communists
Red Fascism in the U.S.

Statement of Director before the House Un-American Committee

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March 24, 1949

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Honorable Irving M. ~~Ives~~
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

*Constitutional
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League*

My dear Senator:

I have been advised of the telephone call of your secretary, Miss Davis, on March 22, concerning a letter which you received from Mr. Paul E. Killinger, 180 West Winspear Avenue, Buffalo (14), New York, in which Mr. Killinger inquired about the confidential nature of the FBI files. I have also received correspondence from Mr. Killinger in this connection and it is a pleasure to enclose a copy of my reply to his letter of March 17, 1949, for the completion of your files. *DO NOT 530*

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

A J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

Copy of letter from Director to Mr. Paul E. Killinger, dated 3/22/49.

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Mr. Paul E. Killinger
120 West Winspear Avenue
Buffalo (14), New York

Dear Mr. Killinger:

Your letter of March 17, 1949, has been received. For your information, the material to which you made reference previously appeared in the Congressional Record, having been published without the authorization or consent of the Attorney General of the United States, or this Bureau. Under no circumstances does the FBI supply data of a confidential nature to organizations such as you mentioned and the fact that this data was printed does not alter the regulations of the Attorney General which I previously mentioned in my communication of March 11, 1949.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: A summary of the Constitutional Educational League and Joseph Peter Kamp is contained in 61-10355-365. The league was founded in Connecticut in 1937 as a branch of a group previously formed in 1919. Its alleged purpose was stated to be "to bring about a more complete understanding of the functions of our government and the guarantees and provisions of its instruments through the Constitution of the

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Mr. Paul E. Killinger-

March 24, 1949

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United States." Its principal activities seem to consist of sending out material of an extreme anti-Communist nature. Under the actual leadership of Kamp, its Executive Vice Chairman, most of its business has been conducted in its New York City office. Kamp was Executive Editor and Publisher of the now defunct magazine "Awakener" until 1937. That publication has been described as a fascist magazine. Kamp has been considered for a violation of the Selective Training and Service Act in that he failed to return a questionnaire forwarded to him in August 1942. He later complied with the Act and prosecution was declined. Kamp and the league have also been the subjects of our extensive investigation for possible Internal Security - C, Registration Act, and Sedition violations. Kamp has associated with members of the German American Bund, the Christian Front, and is known to have distributed anti-Semitic literature. The specific data to which correspondent refers was first placed in the Congressional Record by former Congressman Dies prior to contacting the Attorney General or the FBI and without any consent having been granted in that connection. Miss Davis called concerning a similar letter that Senator Ives had received from Killinger and requested that a copy of our reply be sent to the Senator.

cc - Senator Irving H. Ives (cc - [redacted])

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PAUL E. KILLINGER
120 West Winspear Ave.,
Buffalo (14), New York

March 17, 1949

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

ATTN: J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Mr Hoover:

Your letter of March 11 was received and I wish to thank you for the enclosed information, it was most interesting and informative.

I am sorry however that I did not make my letter of March fourth more clear. ~~however~~. In that letter I requested information regarding the Constitutional Educational League; 342 Madison Avenue; New York, N.Y. In that letter I informed you that the Constitutional Educational League had sent me a series of booklets purporting to be "from the secret files of the F.B.I."

As an example of exactly what I mean I quote from a sample booklet as follows (cover): "Department of Justice - MEMO - re: National Negro Congress - STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL - From the Secret Files of the FBI." At present I have in my possession eight such booklets, all with the same cover format, except that the groups and/or organizations dealt with are different.

Now my question to you was-- By what right does the Constitutional Educational League use the name of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to further its aims? Are the members of the League allowed to use your secret files? If no one is allowed to use your secret or confidential files from whence did this group get the information they would have one believe is from these files at the FBI? Is not a private group or organization subject to prosecution if it uses the name of a Federal organization to promote its private interests?

The information contained in these eight booklets is apparently factual in nature and appears to me to be a worthwhile attempt to expose communist front groups. But I do not see where any group, whatever its nature, has the right to circulate literature that that group labels as being from the secret files of the FBI.

I wish you would inform me exactly as to the Department of Justice's stand in relation to this matter. I feel that this group should be stopped in its circulation of this particular literature when you told me in your letter, above referred to, that "our files are confidential and available for official use only."

Trusting that you will take the necessary steps in the very necessary correction of this abuse, I am,

Very sincerely,

Paul E. Killinger

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 13, 1949

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE
JOSEPH PETER KAMP, etal
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
REGISTRATION ACT
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The contempt of Congress conviction of JOSEPH PETER KAMP, of New York, Executive Vice President of the Constitutional Educational League, was upheld on December 13, 1948 by the U. S. Court of Appeals at Washington, D. C.

On December 17, 1948, a motion for rehearing, to withhold or stay the mandate and to recall the opinion, was filed by defense attorneys. No further action has been taken by the Court of Appeals since that date.

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Mrs. Blake J. Lowell
Parna, Idaho

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Dear Mrs. Lowell:

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I have received your letter dated April 9, 1949, and I assure you that the thoughts which prompted your communication are indeed appreciated. In answer to your specific inquiry, you are advised that Departmental regulations require that information in our files be maintained as confidential and available for official use only. No inference should be drawn, however, that we do or do not have information in our files concerning the organization mentioned in your letter, because of my inability to be of assistance. It is a pleasure to enclose some material which I thought might be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

God or Chaos?

Red Fascism

Director's Testimony before the House Committee

NOTE: Correspondent inquires as to the truth of charges she has heard to the effect that the Y.W.C.A. is infiltrated with Communists, an allegation which apparently appeared in the book "Behind the Lace Curtains of the Y.W.C.A."

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Carma, Idaho

April 9, 1949

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen: Constitutional Educational League

At the recent national convention
of the Young Women's Christian Association
in San Francisco I was elected chairman
of the National Agricultural Committee of
that association (Y.W.C.A.). Upon my return
home I have received a great deal
of literature from the "Constitutional B/
Educational League, Inc." — Lambert Fairchild,
Chairman, charging the Y.W.C.A. with being
infiltrated with Communists and making
very serious charges against the organization —
also advertising the book for sale "Behind
the Lace Curtains of the Y. W. C. A." ~~RECORDED~~ ~~INDEXED~~ 61-10355-534
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Could and would you tell me
please, if this Constitutional Educational
League

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League is an organization ~~or~~ serve out
United States or is it a "smear organization"
hiding behind a good ^{sounding} name?

If the Y. N. C. A. is really infiltrated
with Communists I think it should
certainly get busy and clean house —
on the other hand if it really is
serving the cause of Communism in
any way I don't care to serve
on any of its national committees.
I certainly don't want to be a
"dupe" for anything Communistic.

Sincerely,

Mrs Blake Lowell
(Helen T. Lowell).

HELEN T. ~~LOWELL~~

MRS. B. J. ~~LOWELL~~

April 26, 1949

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INDEXED - 110 Mrs. Glen K. Debern
Box 381
Parma, Idaho

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Dear Mrs. Debern:

Your letter dated April 19, 1949, has been received. While I would like to be of service you are advised that information in our files is required by Departmental regulations to be maintained as confidential and available for official use only. No inference should be drawn, however, that we do, or do not, have information in our files concerning the organization mentioned in your letter, because of my inability to be of assistance. It is a pleasure to enclose some material available for distribution by this Bureau which I thought might be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

God or Chaos?
Dir.'s Test.
How to Fight Comm."

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington D. C.

CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE

Dear Sirs:
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.

I recently received some literature
from a group called the "Constitutional
Educational League Inc. 342 Madison
Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

This literature is making a campaign
of communistic activities in the U. S.

I am President of the Parma J. C. C.
of Parma, Idaho and I would like to
know what this League is, who is
backing it and if any of these charges
made by the League have any basis
if at all possible I would like to
this information.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

FILE NO. 100-682

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-19-49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-13; 6-28-49	REPORT MADE BY STANLEY T. BLASZKE, SA STB:NB
TITLE CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC. JOSEPH PETER KAMP, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C) REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject indicted again during October, 1946, term Federal Grand Jury, Washington, D.C. Violation Section 192, Title 2, U.S. Code. Found guilty March 16, 1948, and on March 24, 1948, sentenced to four months imprisonment and fined \$100.00. Defendant remained on bond pending appeal. U.S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C., on December 13, 1948, upheld judgment of lower court.

G. R. A.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 61-10355.
Report of Special Agent JOHN C. MANNING dated March 25, 1947, at New Haven, Connecticut.

DISPOSITION

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

JOSEPH P. KAMP was indicted again during the October, 1946, term of the Grand Jury for the District of Columbia charged with violation of Section 192, Title 2, U.S. Code, in that on October 4, 1944, he appeared before the House Committee investigating campaign expenditures and refused to produce the records of the organization known as the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., of which he was Executive Vice President. The records called for by the committee were pertinent to and related to the inquiry then being conducted by the committee.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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It was charged that in making his refusal, he acted in bad faith or with a bad or evil purpose and was further charged that he acted intentionally and deliberately. An examination of the criminal docket of the District Court for the U.S. for the District of Columbia revealed that a verdict of guilty was returned against subject on March 16, 1948.

On March 18, 1948, a motion was entered for arrest of judgment and also a motion for a new trial was filed. Both of these motions were denied by the court and on March 24, 1948, KAMP was sentenced to imprisonment for a period of four months and ordered to pay a fine of \$100.00. The fine was suspended and the defendant was permitted to remain on bond pending appeal.

On April 3, 1948, notice of appeal was filed for the defendant and the defendant was granted a stay until June 14, 1948, for the purpose of filing an appeal.

On December 13, 1948, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C., upheld the contempt of Congress conviction of JOSEPH PETER KAMP and on December 17, 1948, a motion for rehearing to withhold or stay the mandate and to recall the opinion was filed by defense attorneys. No further action has been taken by the Court of Appeals since that date.

ENCLOSURE: To Bureau Disposition Sheet re JOSEPH PETER KAMP.

~~* PENDING INACTIVE -~~

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will follow and report final prosecutive action.

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August 11, 1949

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Special Agent in Charge

New Haven

Re:

CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
 JOSEPH PETER KAMP, et al
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C
 Registration Act

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of _____
 requesting that the division of origin be changed in the above en-
 titled case. July 27, 1949

You are hereby authorized to designate _____
 as the division of origin.

Washington Field

Upon receipt of this communication, you are requested to
 carefully check your file and make certain that the new division of
 origin has all serials in the case containing important data.

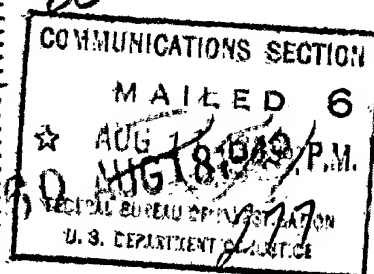
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
 John Edgar Hoover
 Director

cc - SAC, Washington Field (100-682)

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Mr. Tolson _____
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH PETER KAMP, et al
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
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DATE: July 27, 1949

Rerep SA Stanley T. Blaszek made Washington, D. C. 7-19-49.

It will be observed that New Haven is office of origin in this case and WFO office of prosecution. A review of this file reflects that practically no investigation has been conducted by this office since the report of SA John C. Manning made New Haven 3-25-47—a lapse of more than two years.

As reflected in referenced WFO report, the case is being maintained in a pending inactive status to report final prosecutive action. It is believed from an administrative viewpoint that it would be more desirable for the WFO to be office of origin in this matter rather than the New Haven Office. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Bureau designate WFO as office of origin.

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cc: WFO 100-682

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August 22, 1949

Mr. Baltzar Bolling
Anderson-Bolling Manufacturing Company
Grand Haven, Michigan

Dear Mr. Bolling:

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Your letter of August 16, 1949, has been received. I regret that I cannot be of service in connection with your request for information which may be in the files of this Bureau, as, in accordance with Departmental regulations, our files are confidential and available for official use only.

I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not have information in our files because of my inability to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: No derogatory information concerning the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. is reflected in our files and in the past we have furnished literature to that organization.

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GRAND HAVEN,
MICHIGAN

August 16, 1949

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Before giving financial help to the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., of 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y., I am writing you for your approval, to assure me that this organization is worthy of our financial support. This is being done to prevent us from supporting an organization that might, in any way, be Un-American.

Thanking you sincerely for your cooperation, we are,

Yours very truly,

ANDERSON BOLLING MFG. CO.

Baltzar Bolling

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *[initials]* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: December 9, 1949

SUBJECT: ① CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION LEAGUE, INC.;
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C
REGISTRATION ACT

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The records of the Clerk's Office, United States Supreme Court, reflect that on November 7, 1949, the defendant filed a petition for a Writ of Certiori. No action to date has been taken on this petition.
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Dear Mr. Coslick:

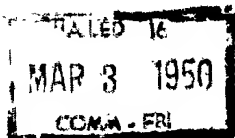
Since the function of the FBI is entirely investigative, I am unable to express an opinion regarding the legality of the subject matter.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE: The pamphlet enclosed is a circular issued by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc. and attacks a number of organizations which advocate some form of world government.

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Port Jervis Union-Gazette

Box 318

Port Jervis, New York

"The Most Beautiful Scenery and The Finest People"

February 24, 1950

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed you will find a pamphlet and the enclosed envelope in which it came addressed to a member of this Association.

Reading this pamphlet one can easily see that it's off color. It seems that it's intended for a below the belt blow; for the organizations mentioned, that this "book" claim "tacit endorsement"; are leaders in this community as well as many others.

Could you enlighten this association if such "tacit endorsements" are actually within freedom of the press as expressed in our Constitution?

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Clarence A. Coslick
Clarence A. Coslick
Secretary

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"AN ORGANIZATION FOR THE CLOSEST CO-OPERATION AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL THOSE ENGAGED IN THIS GREAT INDUSTRY; FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HIGHEST ETHICS OF BUSINESS PRACTICE AND THE GENERAL BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC."



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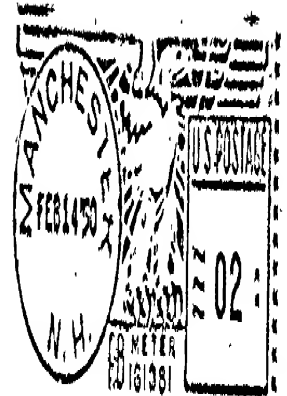
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Constitutional Educational League, Inc.

342 Madison Ave.,

New York 17, N. Y.

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Mr. J. W. Stewart

Retail Merchants' Assn.

Port Jervis, N. Y.

THIS BOOK . . . **EXPOSES** the PLOT to give away the PANAMA CANAL and Our Pacific Outposts

. . . a sinister scheme of a powerful movement
which claims the tacit ENDORSEMENT of
President TRUMAN

Senator TAFT

Kiwanis International

Young Republican National Federation

National Grange

U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce

United Auto Workers

Association of American Colleges

Methodist Church, Comm'n on World Peace

General Federation of Women's Clubs

Protestant Episcopal Church

National Education Association

Catholic Association for International Peace

Southern Baptists

Presbyterian Church, Comm. on Social Educa.

United American Hebrew Congregations

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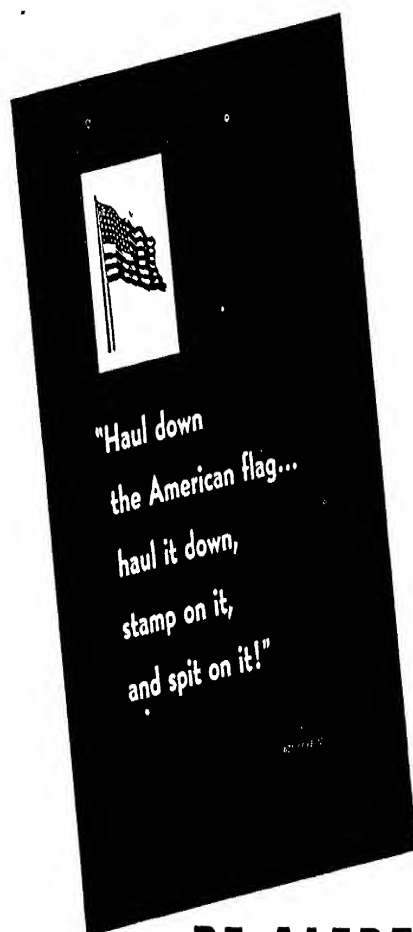
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DO YOU KNOW?

. . . THAT a concerted, far-flung drive is now
under way to destroy YOUR future, and the
future of your children, and your children's
children?

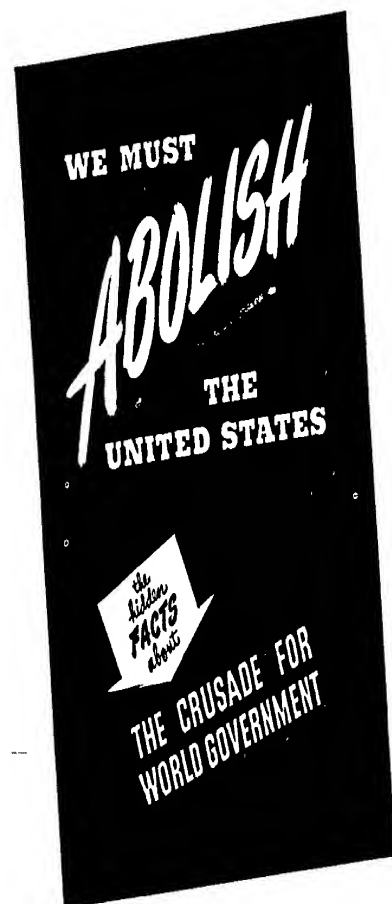
. . . THAT this disloyal movement proposes to
destroy our great heritage, our free institu-
tions, our American system and Way of Life?

. . . THAT one leader of this sinister crusade,
in a moment of frenzied fervor, pointed to the
Stars and Stripes and said . . .



**BE ALERT
BE A GOOD CITIZEN
BE INFORMED!**

THIS BOOK makes blunt charges of **TREASON**



**EVERY GOOD
AMERICAN
SHOULD READ IT**

61-10355-540

ARE YOU INVOLVED?

THIS BOOK TELLS

how millions of dollars are being spent . . .
and how millions of people are being in-
fluenced in a bold campaign to —

1. Reduce our standard of living!
2. Impair our precious liberties!
3. Destroy our free institutions!
4. Scrap our Constitution!
5. Abolish our Army and Navy!
6. Give away the Panama Canal!

THIS BOOK NAMES

hundreds of prominent men and women who
are serving this subversive movement to
"ABOLISH the United States."

HOW MANY OF YOUR FRIENDS ARE PARTIES TO THIS PLOT?

THIS BOOK UNMASKS

hundreds of Socialists, Communist fronters,
Left Wing "liberals," and One World Firsters
who are master-minding this conspiracy to
merge our Country into a global Socialist
Super-State.

THIS BOOK SAYS:

"... the aims and objectives of the princi-
pal American movements dedicated to World
Government add up to **TREASON.**"

THIS BOOK REVEALS

and carefully examines the schemes and the
schemers behind scores of un-American move-
ments which are promoting World Govern-
ment, including —

United World Federalists, Inc.

Citizens Committee for United Nations Re-
form, Inc.

Federal Union, Inc.

Atlantic Union Committee

Committee to Frame a World Constitution

The Foundation for World Government

World Citizenship Movement, Inc.

Campaign for World Government .

World Republic, Inc.

People's Convention for a Federal World
Constitution

Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists

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World Movement for World Federal
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and others!

DO YOU BELONG TO ANY OF THEM?

FILL OUT THIS COUPON NOW!



COUPON	<input type="checkbox"/> Single copies . . . \$1.00	I enclose \$_____ for which please send me _____ copies of the POPULAR EDITION of Joseph P. Kamp's WE MUST . . . ABOLISH THE UNITED STATES.	NAME _____	ADDRESS _____	CITY _____ STATE _____
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Constitutional Educational League, Inc. 342 Madison Avenue New York 17, New York			The Regular Cloth Bound Edition is available at \$2.50 a copy.		



MAIL IT WITHOUT DELAY

February 27, 1950

Mrs. Morton Coburn
175 Temple Street
Whitman, Massachusetts

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Dear Mrs. Coburn:

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Your letter dated February 15, 1950, with enclosure, has been received, and I do want to thank you for bringing to my attention the material you transmitted.

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Your interest is very much appreciated.

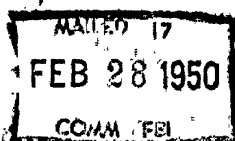
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: The enclosure consists of a floater of the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, advertising a pamphlet attacking the various world government groups such as United World Federalists and the like.

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Whitman; Mass.

Feb. 15, 1950

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chairman

Dear Sir, - The inclosed letter was delivered by our postman this morning. It is addressed to the Whitman Board of Trade which disbanded some time ago. As Mr. Morton Coburn was Secretary of the organization at the time it ceased to function, he has always made an effort to see that mail requiring attention is turned over to the parties he considers most interested.

He would like to call your attention to the fact that the letter was posted in Manchester, N. H. though the return address is a New York one. It seems to us that such a book should be investigated and its circulation stopped. It appears from the wording on the back page of the inclosed leaflet that the publishers claim its subversive movement has the tacit endorsement of our President as well as many of our country's leading organizations.

Also members of several of the organizations, namely the National Grange, Baptist Denomination, etc. we object strongly to such a claim. It seems to us that this is a clever scheme of disloyal citizens to populdrize such a book under the guise of an exposé.

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Respectfully yours,

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175 Temple St.
Whitman, Mass.

Morton Coburn

Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated

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Mr. Peyton Ford
The Assistant to the Attorney General
Director, FBI

March 8, 1950

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

JOSEPH PETER KAMP
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INCORPORATED

Pursuant to your request, there is attached herewith a memorandum containing identifying data and background of Joseph Peter Kamp and the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated.

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March 8, 1950

Re: JOSEPH PETER KAMP;
CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL
LEAGUE, INCORPORATED

Joseph Peter Kamp was born May 3, 1900, at Yonkers, New York, and was registered under the name Joseph William Kamp. However, he has always used the middle name Peter.

The following brief background of Joseph P. Kamp was contained in the inside cover of a booklet entitled "The Fifth Column in Washington," which was published in June, 1940, by the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated:

"In 1933-34, Mr. Kamp was Executive Vice President of the Robert J. Wagner Democratic Association in the democratic stronghold of the Nation, Senator Robert J. Wagner's district. In September, 1934, he was named Secretary of the General Committee of the Westchester County New York democratic organization; a designation which, however, he was unable to accept. An editor of newspapers and magazines and for more than twenty years a student of subversive movements, he writes with authority."

Joseph P. Kamp was made chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, at the time of its origin in the State of Connecticut in 1937. The declared purpose of the organization is:

"To bring about a more complete understanding of the functions of our Government and the guarantees and provisions of its instrument, the Constitution of the United States; to inculcate patriotism and love of country; to investigate and expose the subversive elements which are seeking to undermine the faith of the American people in their institutions and to foster this general program through the medium of the spoken word."

The League maintains its headquarters at 342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

The principal activity of the League appears to consist of writing and/or dissemination of publications of an extremely anti-Communist nature. Among the publications issued by the League are:

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Included
"Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America" (1937) and
"The Hell of Herrin....Rages Again" (1937), both of which
attack John L. Lewis and the CIO.

"Headlines and What's Behind Them" (1939)

"The Fifth Column in Washington!" (1940), which contains
a list of employees of the Government who are alleged to
be Communists or Communist sympathizers.

"The Fifth Column in the South" (1940), which points out the
alleged dangerous growth of Communism in that part of the
country.

"The Fifth Column versus the Dies Committee" (1941), which
advocates the continuance of this Committee, and accuses
the Department of Justice of alleged attempts to bring the
Dies Committee into ill repute.

"The Fifth Column Conspiracy in America" (1941), which con-
tains a map purporting to indicate the various Nazi, Fascist
and Communist spots in the United States.

"Why Win the War and Lose What We're Fighting For" (1942),
which seems to be a follow-up to the publication "The Fifth
Column in Washington."

"Native Nazi Purge Plot" (1942), which was primarily concerned
with political developments and charges that the Administration
was attempting to purge both the Senate and the House of
Representatives of those who did not support the Administration's
foreign policy prior to the war.

On June 23, 1944, the Speaker of the United States House of
Representatives appointed a committee comprised of seven members to in-
vestigate campaign expenditures. Subsequently, on September 28, 1944,
this committee caused to be issued a subpoena duces tecum to Joseph
Peter Kamp to appear before the committee on October 4, 1944, and produce
the books and records of the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated.
Kamp was further directed to produce the names of contributors of more
than \$100 each to the League. The subpoena duces tecum was served October 2,
1944, on Kamp in the Southern District of New York.

Kamp appeared before the committee on October 4, 1944, as directed;
however, he declined to produce any of the papers and records of the Con-
stitutional Educational League, Incorporated. He protested that it was

unnecessary for him to comply with the subpoena duces tecum to produce the records of the League and contended that the League was not engaged in political activity, therefore, it did not come within the proper scope of the committee's inquiry into campaign expenditures.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives provided the United States Attorney in the District of Columbia with a certification of Kamp's willful and deliberate refusal to present the records and books of the League before the committee.

During October of 1944 a Federal Grand Jury in the District of Columbia returned an indictment against Kamp charging him with violation of Section 192, Title 2, United States Code, alleging that he willfully declined to exhibit the records and books of the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, to the House Committee on Campaign Expenditures.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Kamp on December 21, 1944, and on December 29, 1944, he surrendered to the United States Marshal in the District of Columbia. Upon the deposit of a \$500 cash bond by his wife, Mildred M. Kamp, he was released pending trial.

Subsequent to various postponements the trial of Kamp commenced during March, 1948, and on March 16 of that year a guilty verdict was returned. On March 24, 1948, Kamp was sentenced to imprisonment for a period of four months and ordered to pay a \$100 fine. The fine was suspended and he was permitted to remain on bond pending an appeal.

A notice of appeal was filed on April 3, 1948, in behalf of Kamp and the motion for an appeal was recorded on June 11, 1948.

On December 13, 1948, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C., upheld the contempt of Congress conviction of Joseph Peter Kamp, and on December 17, 1948, a motion for rehearing to withhold or stay the mandate and to recall the opinion was filed on behalf of Kamp.

The records of the Clerk's Office, United States Supreme Court, reflect that on November 7, 1949, the defendant filed a petition for a Writ of Certiorari. However, to date there is no record of any action taken on this petition.

(The source of the above information was 61-10355, consisting of 18 sections.)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: March 8, 1950

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KAMP

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Peyton Ford called me last night at 11:15 PM. He stated that the White House had just called him and advised that a book had been published on March 7 entitled "America Betrayed"; that it was written by Joseph P. Kamp and published by the Constitutional Educational League.

Mr. Ford stated that the White House wanted by 9:30 AM, March 8, identifying data on Kamp and the Constitutional Educational League. He requested that he be furnished prior to that time with a memorandum setting out this information.

I informed Mr. Ford that the Department had been furnished in the past with copies of reports on Joseph Kamp and the Constitutional Educational League; that in view of the time element it was not known how a memorandum could be ready by that time.

Mr. Ford stated that he did not want a full memorandum or summary on these two names but just enough identifying data in a very short memorandum to show the President who Kamp is etc.

There is attached hereto a memorandum to Peyton Ford along these lines.

cc - Mr. Belmont

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We must be careful we are not stampeded to meet such lead lines irrespective of demands. If for our memo is inaccurate or incomplete we will be blamed. This is particularly true since DML could prepare the summary just as well as we could.

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March 16, 1950

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Mr. D. A. Forsberg
President
Forsberg Paper Box Company
2107 Forden Avenue
Madison 4, Wisconsin

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DATE 11/11/01 BY 60322

Dear Mr. Forsberg:

Your letter dated March 13, 1950,
has been received.

While I would like to be of service,
information in the files of the FBI is required
to be maintained as strictly confidential and
for official use only. No inference should be
drawn, however, that we do or do not have in
our files information regarding the organiza-
tion mentioned in your letter.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing
some material of public record available for
distribution by the FBI which I thought might
be of interest to you, and I am grateful for
the thoughts which prompted your communication.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director's testimony before Committee on un-American
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How To Fight Communism

NOTE: 61-10355-365 is a summary on the Constitutional
Educational League prepared in 1944 and it was stated
that the announced objectives of the group were to bring
understanding concerning governmental functions and to
promote patriotism and love of country. Literature

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issued by the organization contained anti-Communist material.
The activities of the organization were investigated by the
Bureau at the request of the Criminal Division of the Department.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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A representative of the Constitutional Educational League with headquarters at New Haven, Connecticut, was in my office the other day discussing the work that their organization does in fighting Communism in America. During our conversation he spoke very highly of your organization and stated that you were very familiar with the work that they carry on.

There are so many organizations of this type that an ordinary business man cannot differentiate between those which do a good job and those who just claim they are doing a good job. A thought occurred to me that perhaps you could give me some authentic information as to the work of this organization and could tell me whether or not they really are attempting to fight Communism. I would appreciate it if you would give me any information you have available on them.

Very truly yours,

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D. A. Forsberg, President

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *ABZ*

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: *Q* CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INC.
JOSEPH P. KAMP
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Bureau file 61-10355

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Q Attached herewith is a copy of a book entitled ~~"We Must Abolish The United States,"~~ by Joseph P. Kamp, which was published in January, 1950, by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., 342 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, purporting to reflect the hidden facts behind the crusade for world Government. The book was made available by Inspector L. R. Pennington.

It is desired that this book be filed as an enclosure behind the main file in the captioned case.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 10, 1950

G/H FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELDSUBJECT: ① CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, INCORPORATED
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The records of the Clerks Office, United States Supreme Court, reviewed on April 7, 1950, revealed no change in the status of this case. P#

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April 4, 1950

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Mr. Paul E. Killinger
33 Avon Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Killinger:

Your letter dated March 27, 1950, has been received and in response to your inquiry I wish to advise that no unauthorized person has been given access to the files of the FBI which are confidential and restricted to official use only.

I am pleased to enclose a copy of my Statement before the Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on March 27, 1950.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

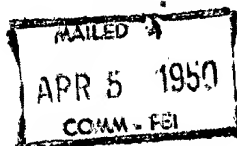
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NOTE: Previous correspondence to which Killinger refers cannot be located in the Bureau files.

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PAUL E. KILLINGER
33 AVON STREET
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASS.

March 27, 1949

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

attn: Mr. John Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

On March 4, 1949 I wrote to your office informing you that a certain organization, calling itself the Constitutional Educational League (342 Madison Avenue; New York, N. Y.) - was issuing a series of booklets purporting to be from the files which you have recently reiterated not to be open for public inspection. Again this very day the morning's mail brought me a pamphlet from this same organization, purporting to be an exposure of Communists in the State Department, and of "State Department Secrets." The back cover of this booklet carries, in part, the following, "This booklet reveals super-secret data from the 'loyalty' files which President Truman is trying to hide..."

Again Mr. Hoover I wish to inquire exactly by what right these people (in this case one Joseph P. Kamp, the author of this booklet, titled "America Betrayed.") have to see these 'loyalty' files? And if it is not the files which you are so carefully guarding from irresponsible usage, then what right does this organization have to publish material purporting to be based on information from your department's files?

In your letter replying to mine on March 4, 1949 (yours dated March 11, 1949) I find the following statement "I regret that I cannot be of service in connection with your request for information which may be in the files of this Bureau, as, in accordance with Departmental regulations, our files are confidential and available for official use only." I heartily support that Departmental rule, but wish to point out that in the letter to which you are replying here I was asking how other (Mr. Kamp, and/or the Constitutional Educational League) people, outside the Department, had the right to purvey this information, if it is from your files? I was not, then, asking to see your files, but was merely inquiring how others could claim the right to 'sell' information based on files not open to the public? I was, further, asking whether these people had seen Department files, and if they had, why had they not been prosecuted? And if they had not seen those files, by what right they are able to sell a booklet claiming to be based on facts from your files? I reiterate these questions again, and hope that if Mr. Kamp, and/or the Constitutional Educational League have violated security regulations they will be prosecuted.

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carbon copy: Senator Leverett Saltonstall

Very sincerely,

Paul E. Killinger

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 11, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

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Handwritten signatures and initials:
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SUBJECT: PAMPHLET "AMERICA BETRAYED"
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau's information are two copies of a 62-page pamphlet entitled, "America Betrayed - the tragic consequences of Reds on the Government payroll" by JOSEPH P. KAMP, copyright 1950 by Constitutional Educational League, Inc., 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York.

This pamphlet was brought to the attention of this office by WILLIAM GROGAN, Security Officer, New York Administrative Office, Department of State, 250 West 57th Street, New York City, three copies thereof were discreetly purchased at the offices of the Constitutional Educational League. The third copy is being retained in the New York files.

It is noted that JOSEPH P. KAMP and the League are the subjects of Bureau file 61-10355, entitled, "Constitutional Educational League," and "JOSEPH PETER KAMP, et al, Internal Security - G, Registration Act", New York file 65-7018.

The pamphlet concerns itself with a review of America's China Policy and the State Department in connection therewith, as well as with the allegations of Senator JOSEPH MCCARTHY (R. Wis.) which have been recently in the national press. On pages 54, 55 the pamphlet, under the heading "Senate Investigators Must Have Access to 'Loyalty' Files", the pamphlet states: "On the theory that the American people are entitled to know to what degree their public servants are, or were involved with Communism, the attention of the Senate Committee is.....directed to the 'loyalty' files of the following persons now in the State Department, or who were in the State Department....." and gives a list of 45 names together with the divisions of the State Department in which those named persons are or were employed.

Inasmuch as no allegation against these persons is made, except that loyalty files exist on each, no investigation based hereon nor any contact with KAMP or other officials of the League is contemplated, and this data is being forwarded for the information of the Bureau.

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FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

EDWARD A. TAMM
JUDGE

June 5, 1950

MEMO TO - Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
FROM - Edward A. Tamm

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Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Tele. Rm.	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

S. Laughter

Buttford Gordon

I wanted to make certain that the
attached literature came to your
attention. This material was re-
ceived by me on Friday of last week.

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Laughter

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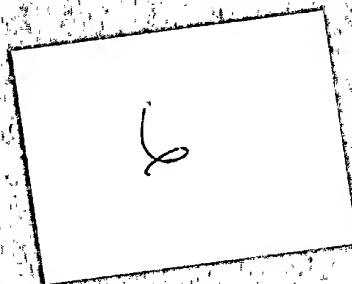
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... THEN GOD HELP OUR COUNTRY!

I have the supremest contempt for the timidity or cowardice, or both, which is now operating to restrain people in coming to the aid of a Member of the United States Senate who has seen fit to endeavor to put out of the State Department those friends of Stalin who have helped him build Russia into a colossal giant which now stands astride the world.

That the Communists permeate the State Department and other Departments of the Government is known to every informed person in Washington.

If public opinion permits the appeasers of Russia to crucify a man who has manifested the loyalty and decency to speak up for America, then God help our country. The outrage that some are trying to manifest over being designated as friends of Communists is, in the light of the record, completely phony. I say that public opinion, in the interest of the welfare of this country and the world, ought to make its will known, and it ought to support Senator McCarthy in his honest endeavor to do an honest part to protect the country we love.

—Democratic Representative E. EUGENE COX of Georgia.

*From a speech in Congress
March 24, 1950.*

Don't be a Coward . . . Speak up for America . . . Back up Senator McCarthy

Senator McCarthy deserves the support of every good citizen, of every alert American. He is being smeared, villified, and persecuted because his charges are true. Wire your Senators . . . write to your local newspaper . . . tell your friends to support Senator McCarthy. Send him your congratulations. DO IT NOW!

IF YOU DOUBT SENATOR MCCARTHY'S CHARGES, you can see the evidence, and judge for yourself. Read the 68-page Report of an independent investigation of Communist influence in the State Department which was published before Senator McCarthy named a single name. It names more than a hundred Reds in the State Department. It reveals secret FBI data from the "loyalty files" which President Truman seeks to hide. It tells how Moscow's agents, in and out of the State Department, betrayed the United States in its war with Communism. Send for a copy of AMERICA BETRAYED right away. Fifty cents each, three for a dollar. Address: Constitutional Educational League, Inc., 342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York.

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IF there is nothing to hide . . .

WHY keep the "loyalty files" secret ?

The Daily Times-News

BURLINGTON (N.C.)



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1950

ON LOYALTY FILES

PRESIDENT Truman has indicated he may permit a Senate committee investigating alleged Communists in the State Department "limited examination of the files containing information on the loyalty of employees."

In some respects, it is observed, the State Department "witch hunt" resembles a bipartisan political battle, but from other angles Republican Senator Joseph R. McCarty of Wisconsin may be trying to focus the light upon something more real than a ghost.

There is one thing about it, if the "loyalty report" on any individual is good there is no reason to keep it secret. Any person who survives an investigation that stamps him with an O. K. is glad to have the fact made known. If there is nothing in the State Department "loyalty files" incriminating they should be produced for public inspection by the Senate committee with pride.

What about this report:

A 68-page report naming "more than one hundred Reds in the State Department" was made public today by the Constitutional Educational League, with copies being sent to all members of Congress.

Titled, "America Betrayed . . the tragic consequences of Reds on the Government payroll," the document quotes from "'loyalty' files which President Truman is trying to hide," and details "how Moscow's agents, in and out of the State Department, be-

trayed the United States in its war with Communism."

The report was written by Joseph P. Kamp, Vice Chairman of the League, which was founded in 1919 by veterans of World War One under the sponsorship of President William Howard Taft and General Leonard Wood. The present chairman is Lambert Fairchild.

The report charges that under Dean Acheson, a coterie of Reds, some of them with established links with Communist organizations, entrenched themselves in the State Department. It is charged, also, that Acheson was once an attorney for Soviet Russia. Mr. Kamp writes that the forthcoming Senate investigation "must ascertain . . how many Soviet agents, how many Communists, and how many Communist dupes have been employed in the State Department since the Communist spy ring began to operate." He declares that the Senate Committee must have access to the "loyalty" files, and that a "stubborn persistence" by President Truman in withholding them "would be little short of condoning treason."

The Communist elements, Mr. Kamp writes, held their "positions of trust for months and years after substantial evidence had been discovered by Government investigators reflect-

ing on their loyalty." Some "invisible influence" protects them, just as it protected Alger Hiss for so long, the report alleges.

The document charges that Alger Hiss's name was on a secret list of Government employees which the Dies Committee, at the direction of Congress, submitted to the Department of Justice for investigation in 1941. Mr. Kamp makes it clear that Hiss was "cleared" by the Department of Justice, not by the F.B.I.

The document includes a critical analysis of State Department maneuvers in the Far East, which it charges, were dictated by Communist influences within the Department. "When the Chinese Communists triumphed over the Nationalist forces," the report declares, "Soviet Russia won a major victory . . and the United States suffered a crushing catastrophic defeat." It adds: "It is no exaggeration to say that in its potentialities it is by far a more ghastly defeat than Pearl Harbor."

**This booklet reveals
super-secret data
from the 'loyalty' files
which President Truman
is trying to hide . . .**

CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE INC.
342 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

I enclose \$ (cash, stamps, money order or check) for which please send me the following literature:

Copies **AMERICA BETRAYED**, 50 cents each; 3 for \$1.00; \$30 per hundred.

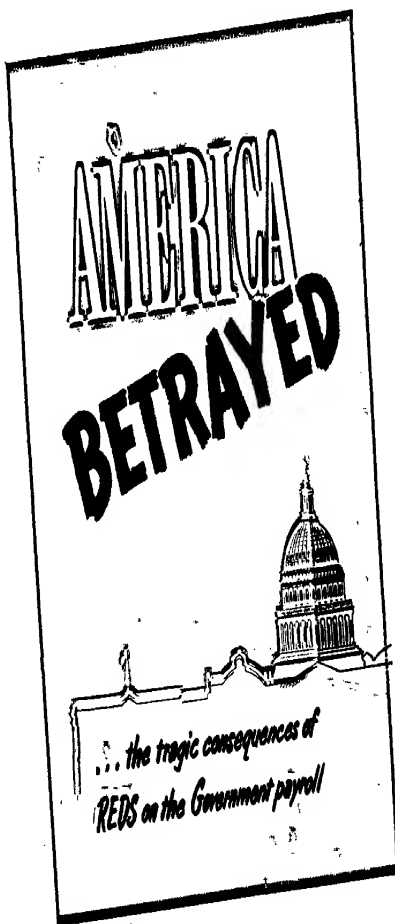
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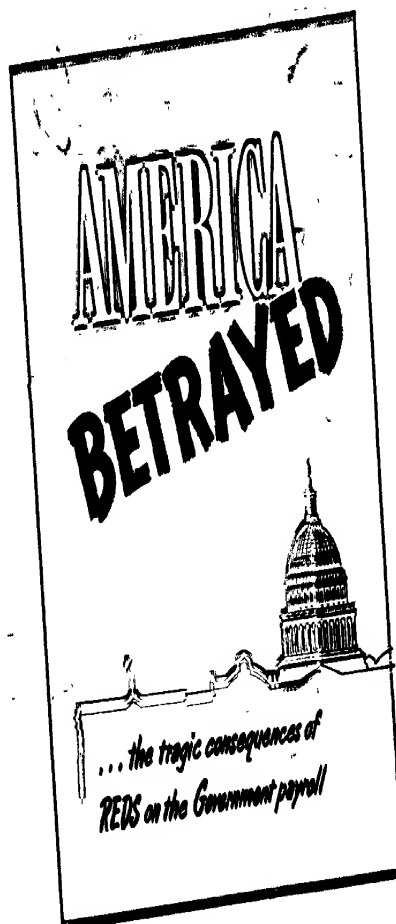
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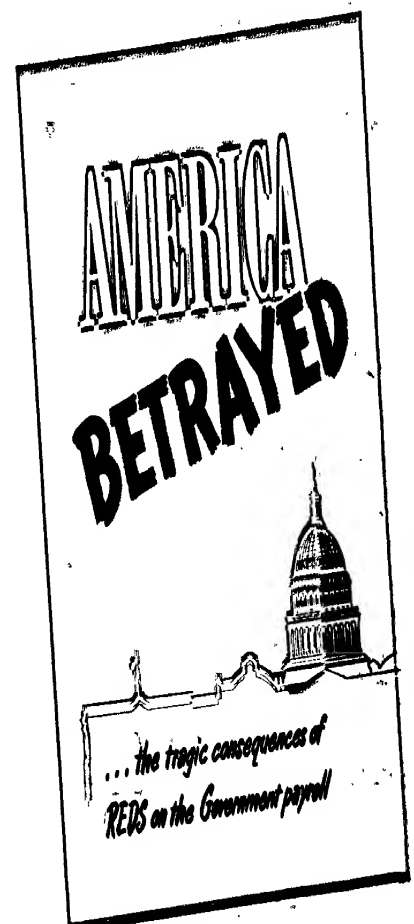
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That there is little similarity insofar as specific charges are concerned is evidenced by the fact that different cases are cited, and that of the nine State Department pro-Communists named by Senator McCarthy only three are included in this Report.

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